



Nurseries and other daycare facilities

Nurseries and other daycare facilities provide a reliable childcare service that allows parents and main carers (collectively referred to as “parents”) to feel confident about leaving their children. These facilities also open their playgrounds from time to time for families in the neighborhood.

Nursing and daycare facilities

Type	Description
Kindergarten	Provides early childhood education to prepare children for elementary school and subsequent education
Nursery	Takes care of children in place of parents who are unable to look after their children at home
Certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>)	Offers a combined nursery and kindergarten service and supports parents in the community
Community-based childcare services	Home-based childcare facility
	Small-scale childcare facility
	Workplace childcare facility
	In-home childcare service

Kindergarten

Ages: 3 - 5 years old

Nursery

Ages: 0 - 5 years old
However, only when there is a need for childcare

Certified children centers

Ages: 0 - 5 years old
For children under 3 years old, only when there is a need for childcare

Community-based childcare

Ages: 0 - 2 years old
However, only when there is a need for childcare

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* Accepted ages vary from facility to facility.

Approval on the necessity of childcare

To use the above nursing and daycare facilities and services, please apply for approval on the necessity of childcare.

Child's age	Parents approved as needing childcare	Parents not approved as needing childcare
3 years and older	Category 2 approval on the necessity of childcare Parents can leave their children at a nursery and certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>).	Category 1 approval on the necessity of childcare Parents can leave their children at a kindergarten and certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>)*.
Under 3 years	Category 3 approval on the necessity of childcare Parents can leave their children at a nursery; certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>); home-based childcare facility; small-scale childcare facility; workplace childcare facility; and In-home childcare service	Approval not given Parents cannot use any of the above facilities on a full-time basis, but may use temporary childcare services.

*1 For subsidized private kindergartens, refer to the approval on the use of facilities, etc. (p. 15)

*2 Some certified children centers do not accept children with Category 1 approval. For details, please inquire at the center individually.

Acceptable reasons for needing childcare and periods of childcare services

To obtain the category 2 or 3 approval on the necessity of childcare, parents should satisfy both of the following two conditions: [1] Both parents/guardians and children are Nagoya residents, and [2] All parents/guardians meet the following conditions (reasons for needing childcare).

Reason for needing childcare	Description	Period of childcare service
Work	The parent is working at least 64 hours a month.	As long as the condition shown in the left column continues until the day before the child starts elementary school at the maximum
Pregnancy and childbirth	The household needs childcare for the period from 8 weeks (or 14 weeks in case of multiple pregnancy) before the expected date of birth to 8 weeks after the birth.	From the date of birth to the end of the month in which the 8th week after the birth falls
Illness	The parent suffers an illness or injury that is proven by a doctor's medical certificate or any of the documents shown in the right column.	(1) If the parent is a holder of any of the following handbooks, until the day before the child starts elementary school: Physically Disabled Persons' Handbook; Protection Handbook; or Mentally Disabled Persons' Health & Welfare Handbook (2) In other cases, until the end of the treatment shown in the doctor's medical certificate
Care of a family member	The parent is looking after a family member who lives together, etc. in need of nursing care for at least approx. 4 hours a day.	
Recovery after a disaster	The parent is engaged in the recovery of housing or the neighborhood after a disaster.	Until the recovery is expected to be completed
Job seeking	The parent has the willingness to work and dedicates himself/herself to job seeking.	Until the end of the month in which the 90th day after the start of childcare service falls
Attending school	The parent receives vocational training at a human resources development facility for at least approx. 4 hours a day, or attends a university, junior college, or high school established under the School Education Act.	Until the end of the month in which the expected date of graduation (completion) falls
Caring for a child with disability	The parent looks after a child aged approx. 3 years or older with mental and/or physical disability, and the degree of the child's disability meets the standard set separately.	Until the day before the child starts elementary school
Childcare leave	The parent who has looked after an older child at home takes a childcare leave following the birth of a younger child, on condition that the older child is aged 3 or older (or aged 4 or older if the child was born on April 2) as of April 1.	Until the end of the month in which the childcare leave ends

In any case, the period of childcare service for which a parent is eligible should be until the end of the fiscal year in which the child reaches the age of graduation from the relevant facility at the maximum.

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Childcare cost to be paid by parents

The fee for nursing and daycare facilities and services to be covered by the user will be determined by tier based on the total amount of the income-based municipal tax of the parents and the head of household, in the amount not exceeding the upper limit shown in the following table.

Approval category	Upper limit		As of April 2024
Category 1 approval on the necessity of childcare	0 yen		
Category 2 approval on the necessity of childcare			
Category 3 approval on the necessity of childcare	Standard childcare hours	64,000 yen	Shorter childcare hours 63,000 yen

The cost to be paid by parents is reviewed annually in September, and may be reduced if a certain condition is met (e.g. household with two or more children).

*For details, please refer to the "Notice of User Fees" or the City's official website.



To use nursing and daycare facilities and services

If you have not been approved as needing childcare (Category 1 approval on the necessity of childcare) but wish to use the service of a kindergarten or certified children center for a child aged three years or older, please directly inquire at the facility individually. See p. 15 for details.

If parents who have been approved as needing childcare (Category 2 and Category 3 approval on the necessity of childcare) who wish to use the service of the above daycare facilities and services, please inquire at the Ward Office Civil Affairs & Children Division or the Branch Office Resident Welfare Division.

■ Ages of children accepted for daycare facilities and services and period of approval

The ages of children accepted for childcare vary depending on the daycare facilities and services.

The period of childcare varies depending on the reason for needing childcare.

■ Daycare facility or service hours

An eligible parent is allowed to use the childcare service for either the "standard childcare hours" or "shorter childcare hours" during the daycare facility or service hours (from around 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.). Which of the childcare hours applies is decided based on the reason for needing childcare, household circumstances, etc.

Childcare hours	Maximum service hours
Standard childcare hours	Up to 11 hours a day
Shorter childcare hours	Up to 8 hours a day

*Childcare hours available to each parent are decided by the director of the nursery within the maximum service hours shown above, based on the individual circumstances of the parent. If a parent uses childcare service beyond the maximum service hours, the service will be treated as overtime childcare.

■ Application to use daycare facilities and services

Applications are accepted at the Ward Office Civil Affairs & Children Division or the Branch Office Resident Welfare Division. In the event that the number of applications exceeds the number of children that can be accepted by the daycare facilities and services, acceptance will be determined based on the level of childcare need, prioritizing those with the highest need.

Applications for childcare service starting in April of the new fiscal year are accepted from October to December. Results will be announced in mid-February. If vacancies arise after notifications are sent out, additional children will be accepted until early March. Detailed information will be given in the ward-specific section in the September or October issue of the Nagoya News magazine.

Applications during the fiscal year are accepted until the 15th day (or the next business day if the government office is closed) of the month preceding the month in which the childcare service is to start. You will be notified of the result of screening around the 22nd day of the month preceding the month in which childcare is to begin.

■ Documents necessary for application

- ・教育・保育給付認定申請書兼保育利用申込書 (Application for approval on the necessity of childcare and application for childcare service)
- ・保育所等申込に係る申込児童等の状況確認票 (Document describing the circumstances of the child for whom the childcare service is required)
- ・Document that evidences the reason for being unable to take care of the child at home
- ・Document that shows your income and tax amount
- ・Other documents to be submitted

For details, please visit the “Kokonago” education and childcare information site or the City’s official website.

■ Information on daycare facilities and services

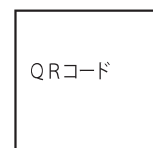
A list of facilities and offices can be found on the “Kokonago” education and childcare information site and on the City’s official website. Parents who need childcare may also seek the assistance of childcare guides (*hoiku annaibito*) at their local ward office or the branch office which offers advice to parents and provides information on childcare resources and childcare services that suit individual needs.

Koko de Search, an open database of childcare services

You can search information about nearby nurseries and other childcare services.



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Education and childcare information site (Kokonago)

This site allows visitors to easily and conveniently search for nursing and daycare facilities and services available for preschool children.

Types of childcare services

- Infant care: Infants under one year old are accepted.
- Childcare service after childcare leave: In principle, infants aged 57 days and older are accepted.
- Care for children with disabilities: Children with retarded physical and/or mental development who can participate in group activities are cared for in an inclusive setting that allows them to interact with children without disabilities and grow together.
- Overtime childcare: If there is an unavoidable reason, parents can use childcare service beyond the nursery’s closing time of 18:30.
- Nighttime childcare: Childcare service is provided until 1:00 am for parents who cannot look after children at home due to work or for other reasons. (Sakae Night Nursery provides childcare service until 2:00 am.)
- Nursery reservation for admission after childbirth/childcare leave: You may reserve a daycare facility or service for your child in advance for after your childbirth/childcare leave is over.
- Holiday childcare: For details, please see “Holiday childcare” on p.17.
- Temporary childcare services: For details, please see “Temporary childcare services” and “24-hour emergency temporary childcare service” on p.17.
- Day care service for ill or recovering children: For details, please see “Day care service for ill or recovering children” on p.18.
- Community childcare support centers: For details, please see “Community childcare support centers” on p.28.

Community-wide nursery service

Public and private nurseries join efforts to improve the quality of childcare, and support all the children and parents in the community in cooperation with relevant groups. This service is available at public nurseries where dedicated staff provide local information related to childcare and offer advice and consultation on various parenting issues. If you have any concerns about childcare, please use this service. This service is designed to provide families with children in the community with easier access to parenting support and programs whenever necessary.

The community-wide nursery service is provided at the nurseries listed in the “Map of childcare facilities in each ward” on p.33. For more details, please enter “**Search** エリア支援保育所事業” (Community-wide nursery service) in the search box on the top page.

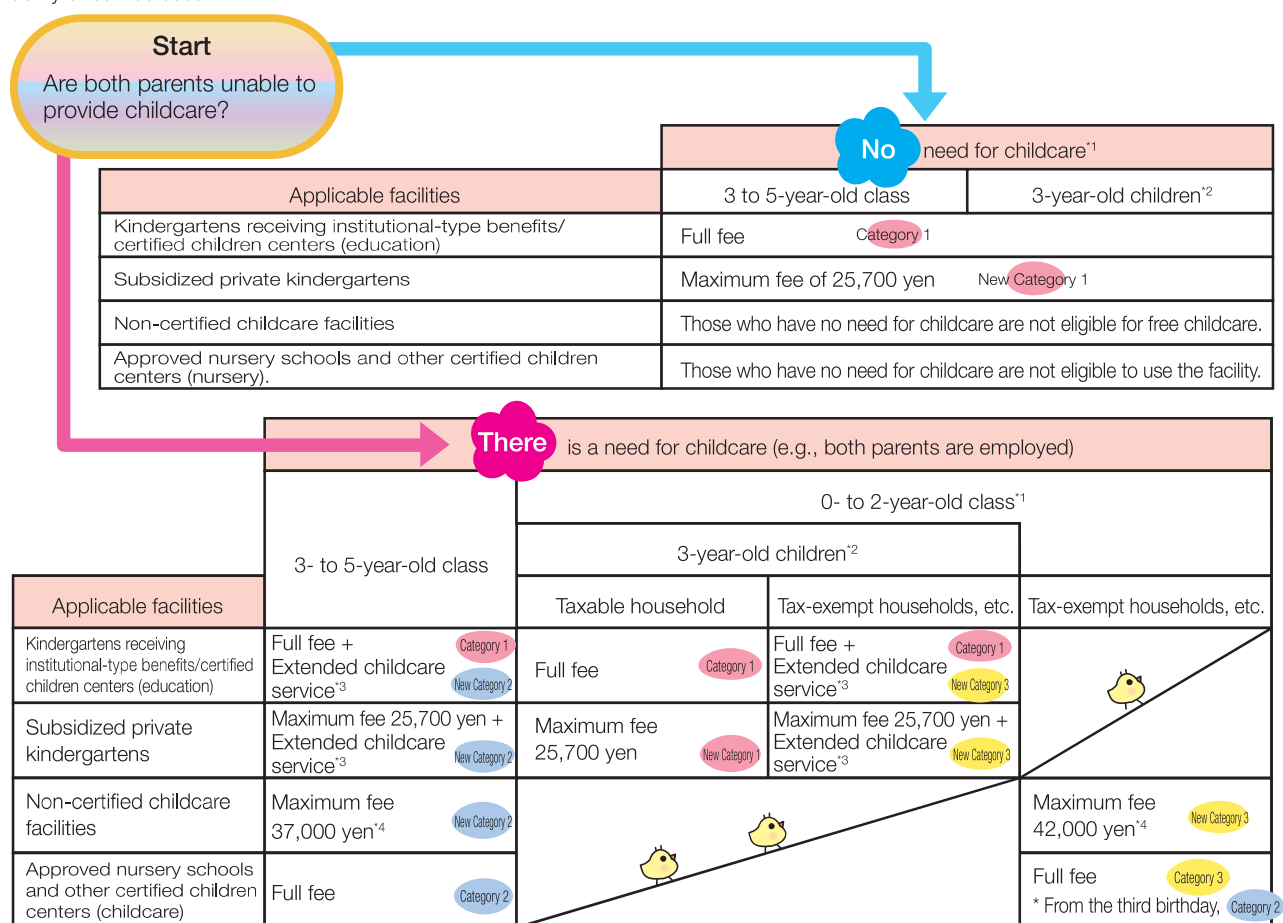
The following four categories are used to approve children according to their age and family situation when using kindergartens, certified children centers (education), and non-certified childcare facilities.

Category	Age of children and family situation
Category 1 approval on the necessity of childcare (hereinafter referred to as "Category 1 approval")	Children aged 3 years and older attending kindergartens receiving institutional-type benefits or certified children centers (education)
Category 1 approval on the use of facilities, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "New Category 1 approval")	Children aged 3 years and older attending subsidized private kindergartens who have not received the New Category 2 or New Category 3 approval
Category 2 approval on the use of facilities, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "New Category 2 approval")	Children aged 3 years old class and above with childcare needs who attend kindergartens and non-certified childcare facilities
Category 3 approval on the use of facilities, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "New Category 3 approval")	Children of resident tax-exempt households, etc. in the 0- to 2-year-old classes who are in need of childcare and attend kindergartens and non-certified childcare facilities

Please also refer to p. 12 and 13 (Reasons for needing childcare and period of use) for the conditions for being certified as the New Category 2 or New Category 3 approval and the period of approval.

Eligibility for free childcare/facility use

The way in which approvals for free childcare are made varies depending on the age of the child, the household situation, and the type of facility or service used.



■ Parents will still be responsible for extended daycare fees at nursery schools.

■ If you live outside of Nagoya, please contact your local municipality.

*1 Only resident tax-exempt households, etc. that are in need of childcare are eligible for free childcare in the 0- to 2-year-old class.

*2 "3-year-old children" refers to children who are between the day they turn three years old and the first March 31st thereafter. Accepted ages vary by kindergarten/center.

*3 The maximum total of extended childcare service fee to be waived per month is 450 yen times the number of days allocated for the extended childcare service. (Maximum of 11,300 yen / maximum of 16,300 yen for those with New Category 3 approval)

*4 For children enrolled in a kindergarten, if that kindergarten does not provide extended childcare services equal to or exceeding a certain standard (8 hours on weekdays and 200 days per year), non-certified childcare facilities and services used are also included in the extended childcare service fee to be waived as long as the total does not exceed the maximum (New Category 2: 11,300 yen, New Category 3: 16,300 yen).