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Receive up to 20 000¥ worth of Individual Number Card Points!

Application period for Individual Number Card points extended to end of May

Inquiries: (regarding the Individual Number Card Points) Digital Promotion Division

☎435-1212 (regarding the Individual Number Card) Citizen's Affairs Division ☎435-1027

Deadline Extended to the end of May

Target Those who have applied for their Individual Number Card by the end of February

Application Support Desks



Support Desk	Operation Hours
City Hall, main building	weekdays; the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month 0830-1750 (until 1900 on Thursdays)
Service Centers	weekdays, the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 0900-1630

※①Individual Number Card②Individual Number Card's PIN Code (4 digits) ③Your bank book or cash card
④electronic payment app (〇〇Pay etc.), supermarket cards that have a digital payment function, etc.

02

Child Healthcare Support extended to the end of the fiscal year (March) in which you turn 18 years old

From Aug 1, 2023, the scope of eligibility for Child Healthcare Support will be expanded.

Inquiries: Child and Family Division ☎ 435-1219

Period	Eligibility (must have an address in Wakayama City)
Present	Until middle school graduation
From August 1, 2023	Until March 31st following your 18th birthday (Those born between Apr 02, 2005~Apr 01 2008 will become eligible)

From early April, we will sequentially send announcements regarding the Child Health Care Support System and a confirmation form. To those who need to apply, we will also send an application form. Finally, we plan to send Certificates of Entitlement in late July. Please contact us if you have yet to receive the certificate in August. Those who already receive other medical expense subsidies do not need to apply.

03

Please wear a helmet while cycling **Inquiries:** Regional Safety Division ☎435-1005

From April 1, in accordance to a revision of the Road Traffic Act, it will become a "compulsory effort" to wear helmets on bicycles. According to national data from the previous 5 years regarding accidents involving injury or death, the fatality rate of riders without helmets is 2.2x more than those with helmets. Please wear a helmet.

Five Rules for Safe Cycling

- ①As a general rule, ride on the left side of the road. Sidewalks are an exception, but you should prioritize pedestrians.
【When to use the sidewalk】(1)When there is a "passable sidewalk" (歩道通行可) sign → (2)those who are under 13; are 70 and above; or have limited mobility (3), when cycling on the road is dangerous.
- ②Confirm the safety of your surroundings, and traffic lights and stop signs at intersections.
- ③Use a light at nighttime.
- ④Drinking and driving is prohibited. Criminal punishment for intoxicated driving: up to 5 years of imprisonment, or a 1,000,000 ¥ fine.
- ⑤Wear a helmet.



**Real estate inspection for property taxes**

Personnel will conduct inspections at houses that were newly built in 2023. We appreciate your cooperation in advance. Newly built houses may be applicable for property tax reductions. Please inquire about specifics of during your home inspection.

Houses that have conducted certain upgrades, (earthquake resistant • barrier free • energy saving (※1) renovations etc.) may also be applicable for such reductions.

In the case that your house has been demolished, be sure to contact the Property Tax Division.

(※1) Windows are required to receive thermal insulation upgrades.

(※2) Please apply within three months after the renovations have been completed.

▼**Inquiries:** Property Tax Division ☎435-1210

Social Events**Wakayama Fishing Harbor Morning Market (Ottotto Plaza) Shirasu Festival**

▼**Date and time:** Apr 30 (Sun) 1000-1400 ▼**Location:** Wakaura Fishing Harbor

▼**Details:** Fresh fish sales, Wakashirasu produce stands, street stalls etc.

▼**Inquiries:** Bayside Wakaura ☎446-3308

Deadline for Tax and Insurance Payments May 01 (Mon)

Nursing Care Insurance premium (for the month of April) **Inquiries:** Nursing Care Insurance Division ☎435-1334

Consulting**Night-time consultations for depression**

We offer night-time consultations with psychiatrists or psychiatric social workers regarding depression. Please contact us for an appointment if you find that you consistently have trouble sleeping, feel gloomy, are unmotivated etc. We also offer day-time consultations with psychiatric social workers. Feel free to book a consultation anytime.

▼**Date and Time:** Apr 12 (Wed) from 1800 ※appointment-only ▼**Inquiries:** Health Policy Division ☎488-5117

Consultations regarding social isolation

We accept consultations for people experiencing social isolation, as well as their family members. Instead of bottling up the issue, please come for a consultation, no matter how minor you feel the issue may be.

▼**Date and time:** 0900-1700 (weekdays) ▼**Inquiries:** NPO ElSatio ☎432-2170 MAIL: elsatio@npoelsatio.com

Legal consultation with a lawyer, (change of appointment date)

The original appointment date, for legal consultations with a lawyer, May 8 (Mon), has been changed to May 2 (Tues). ▼**Inquiries:** Citizen Consultation Center ☎435-1025

Consultations regarding child development

We offer consultations for concerns regarding child growth, development, and rearing.

▼**Consultation method:** phone, in-person (appointment required) ▼**Operation hours:** 0900-1700 (weekdays)

▼**Target:** Newborn until middle school graduation. ▼**Bookings and inquiries:** Child Development Medical Support Office, Wakayama Medical University ☎441-0808, ☎441-0826

Wakayama City's Relief Fund for the 2023 Turkey-Syria Earthquake

In response to the Earthquake that occurred in the southeastern region of Turkey, on Feb 06, 2023, we have established a bank account and distributed donation boxes to collect relief funds.

Collection period continues until April 30 (Sun)

※donation boxes are accessible from 0900-1700, excluding weekends and holidays.

○**Bank Account:** The Kiyo Bank, Wakayama-Shiyakusho Branch, regular account, 402911 (紀陽銀行 和歌山市役所支店 普通 402911)

【**Account name**】 Wakayamashi 2023 Toruko Kyowakoku Nantobu Jishinsaigai Gienkin (和歌山市2023トルコ共和国南東部地震災害義援金)

※Transfers from the The Kiyo Bank's Head office, branches, and accompanying ATMs are free of charge. Transfers at ATMs will only be free if they are done via cash-card or cash.

○**Donation Box Locations:** City Hall's information desk (floor 1 of the main building); International Affairs Division; and municipal government branch offices.

○**Points of Attention:** Cash will only be accepted in Japanese yen. Donations will not be applicable for charitable contribution deductions towards regional and income tax. Find more information on the city website (ID: 1048526).

Inquiries: International Affairs Division (10th floor of the main building) ☎435-1010

FY2023 City-sponsored Japanese Language Classes for Non-Native Speakers (1st Term)

The City of Wakayama will be offering Japanese language classes to non-native speakers, who live or work in Wakayama City. Because the classes will be held at night, people who work during the day can also participate. You can choose either the Introductory course or the Beginner's course, according to your ability.

Introductory Course: This course begins with hiragana and katakana.

Beginner's Course: This course is for people who already know hiragana, katakana and simple grammar (verbs, adjectives, normal form of adjectival verbs), but want to learn more difficult grammar. It is the continuation of the Introductory course; however, previous completion of the Introductory course is not required.

Location	Wakayama City Hall 10 th Floor International Friendship Exchange Room (July~August only: Wakayama City Hall, east wing, 3 rd Floor)
Fee	Free (However, you must purchase your own textbook)
Textbook	“Nihongo 45 Jikan”; “Nihongo 45 Jikan Renshucho”
Teacher	Professor Terumi Masuno
Schedule	From May 2023 (15 classes for each course)
Time	Introductory Course: Thursdays, 1830 to 2000 Beginner's Course: Tuesdays, 1830 to 2000 ※ No class if Tuesday or Thursday is a holiday.

*The maximum capacity is 10 people. If the class is not full, you can join anytime in the middle of the term.

*It is not necessary to submit the application form again if you are continuing from last term.

*Please come in from the west entrance on Tuesday nights (all other entrances are closed).

*Please bring your own pencil, eraser, pen, notebook, etc. to class.

*Classes will be cancelled if heavy rain/strong wind warnings are issued as of 1500 on the day of the class.

How to apply: there are two ways you can apply

① Scan the QR code below, and apply online.

*Please bring your Residency Card (在留カード / Zairyu Kaado) with you on the first day of class.

② Apply in person at the International Affairs Division (Wakayama City hall, 10th floor).

*Please bring your Residency Card (在留カード / Zairyu Kaado) with you.



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