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About the Financial Assistance Program for Infertility Treatment Expenses

Inquiries: Regional Health Division (Tel. 488-5120)

Details: Financial assistance is provided for expenses related to infertility treatment.

- **Eligible Expenses:** General infertility treatment costs; Advanced medical expenses for assisted reproductive treatments; Advanced testing expenses for recurrent pregnancy loss
- **Application Deadline:** If you received treatment or testing in FY2024, or completed treatment during that period, please apply by March 31 (Mon), 2025.

Note: The application deadline may vary depending on the month of treatment.

For further details, please see the city website (ID: 1001742 / 1060057 / 1041048).

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New Water Rates Will Be Applied to Meter Readings from April 1

Inquiries: Waterworks Billing Center (Tel. 435-1298)

To continue providing safe and reliable tap water, water rates will be revised. For more information, please visit the Enterprise Bureau website (ID: 1060041) or contact the Water Billing Center. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



Enterprise Bureau Website

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Notice Regarding the Support Allowance for Rising Prices

To assist resident tax-exempt households affected by rising prices, the city will provide 30,000 yen per eligible household. If the household includes children aged 18 or under, an additional 20,000 yen will be provided per child. For details, please see the city website (ID: 1060851 / ID: 1060888).

(1) Allowance for Households Exempt from Resident Tax

- **Amount:** 30,000 yen per household
- **Eligibility:** Households listed in Wakayama City's Basic Resident Register as of the reference date, where all members are exempt from resident tax for FY2024.

Note: Households consisting only of tax dependents of a taxable individual, or those exempt under a tax treaty, are excluded.

(2) Additional Child Allowance

- **Amount:** 20,000 yen per child
- **Eligibility:** Among the households eligible under (1), those with children aged 18 or younger (until March 31 following their 18th birthday).

Reference Date December 13 (Fri), 2024

Application Deadline July 31 (Thur), 2025

From mid-March onward, a sealed postcard (notice) or letter will be mailed in sequence to the head of each household that may be eligible. Please wait until you receive it. In principle, no additional procedures are required if you receive the postcard.

Inquiries

Wakayama City Secretariat for Rising Price Allowances (19 Rokubancho, 1st Floor of Fujita Sangyo Rokubancho Building) ▼ Tel: 0120-969-861 or 499-5184 (Weekdays 8:30–17:15; closed weekends/holidays)
▼ Division in Charge: Livelihood Support Division 2

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Expanded Child Allowance — Application Deadline is Mar 31, 2025!

In October 2024, the Child Allowance system was expanded. If any of the following apply to you and you have not yet applied, you must do so by March 31 (Mon), 2025. If you apply after this date, your payments will only start from the month after your application is received. For details, please see the city website (ID: 1058444).

Who Needs to Apply

1. Those who previously did not receive Child Allowance because their income exceeded the upper limit.
2. Those raising a child of high school age or younger (until the end of the fiscal year in which the child turns 18) but are not currently receiving Child Allowance.
3. Those currently receiving Child Allowance who have three or more children in total, counting both college-age children (from the end of the fiscal year in which they turn 18 until the end of the fiscal year in which they turn 22) and children of high-school-age or younger.

Inquiries: Child and Family Division (Tel: 435-1219)

Tax & Insurance Premium Deadlines

Mar 31 (Mon)

National Health Insurance Premiums (10th installment):

National Health Insurance & Pension Division: 435-1214

Nursing Care Insurance Premiums (10th installment):

Nursing Care Insurance Division: 435-1334

Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance Premiums (9th

installment): Insurance General Affairs Division: 435-1062

Are your city taxes paid?

If you have not yet paid your Fixed Asset Tax, Municipal/Prefectural Inhabitants Tax (ordinary collection), or Light Vehicle Tax (classified by category) for FY2024, please pay promptly at the Revenue Tax Division.

※Payment applications can also be made at designated financial institutions and online (only available in certain institutions).

Inquiries: Tax Revenue Division (2F, City Hall) (435-1038)

Avoiding Disputes When Vacating Rental Housing

March is a busy moving season, and disputes can arise over high repair costs. Before moving out, please review your lease agreement and related documents to understand your restoration obligations. Being prepared can help prevent misunderstandings.

Inquiries: Consumer Affairs Center (Tel: 435-1188)

Welfare, Nursing Care, and Childcare Employment Fair Wakayama

This is an employment fair where you can engage in direct interviews with HR representatives from companies in the welfare, nursing care, and childcare industries. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

▼ **Date & Time:** March 18, 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

(Reception starts at 1:00 pm) ▼ **Venue:** Wakayama Big-Ai

▼ **Inquiries:** Wakayama Prefectural Council of Social Welfare (Social Welfare Corporation), Welfare Human Resources Center “Heart Work” Tel. 435-5211

Kinokuni U-Turn Human Resources Fair

▼ **Date & Time:** March 10 & 11, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

▼ **Venue:** Hotel Granvia Wakayama, 6th Floor

▼ **Participating Companies:** Approximately 75 companies each day ▼ **Eligibility:** University, junior college, technical college, and vocational school students graduating in March 2025, as well as general job seekers ▼ **How to Apply:** Via QR code (advance registration required; same-day participation possible)

▼ **Inquiries:** Kinokuni U-Turn

Human Resources Fair

Executive Committee Tel. 431-7376



Wakayama Employment Fair in Osaka

▼ **Date & Time:** March 8, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

▼ **Venue:** Osaka Industrial Innovation Center (Sangyo Sozokan), 3rd Floor ▼ **Participating Companies:**

Approx. 29 companies ▼ **Eligibility:** Students graduating in March 2025/2026 (excluding junior and senior high school), those who graduated within the last three years, and general job seekers

▼ **How to Apply:** Via QR code

(advance registration required; same-day participation possible)

▼ **Inquiries:** Career Bless You Co., Ltd. Young People's Regional Cooperation Project Promotion Center Tel. 421-8002



45th Civic Cultural Festival

“Popular Carnival Wakayama”

▼ **Date & Time:** March 16 (Sun), starting at 11:00 am

▼ **Venue:** Aeon Mall Wakayama, Fujito Park Water Plaza (outdoor stage) ▼ **Admission:** Free

▼ **Inquiries:** Cultural Promotion Division Tel. 435-1194

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Mar 16
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Disaster Prevention Learning Center – Grand Reopening!

In anticipation of a major Nankai Trough earthquake and with the aim of achieving zero disaster casualties, the center has introduced new digital-technology exhibits to enhance practical disaster response skills.

■ Hours: 9:00-17:00

■ Admission: Free

■ Closed: Every Monday (or the following weekday if Monday is a holiday)

※The center will be open on Monday, March 17, 2025.

■ Inquiries: Disaster Prevention Learning Center (Tel: 423-0119) ※Groups of more than 10 people (up to 40 people/group) must make a reservation in advance.

Commemorative goods
for individual visitors –
first come, first served!



Five New Experiences for Taking Disaster Preparedness to the Next Level—A Small Step Now Can Save Our Future

Initial Fire Suppression



Practice the basics of firefighting using a large interactive screen and sensor-equipped extinguishers.

119 Emergency Call Simulation



Make a simulated 119 emergency call with lifelike interactions.

Disaster Theater



Learn about tsunami evacuation in preparation for a large-scale Nankai Trough earthquake by watching informative videos.

Life-Saving Procedures



Practice chest compressions and AED use with a training mannequin.

Digital Disaster Prevention Quiz



A web-based quiz accessible at schools, workplaces, or at home.

A New Lifelong Learning Hub

Nishi Community Center Opens April 13 (Sun)!

Key Features!



Study Room

The community center is located near schools, encouraging frequent student use.



Kids' Space

A playful area for children, with books for reading practice.



The brand-new Nishi Community Center is opening in the Sunayama area (currently without a community center) to provide a range of learning opportunities for all ages. We encourage everyone to visit and utilize the facilities.

Opening Date

Sunday, April 13 (10:00 a.m. opening ceremony). Facility rentals start Monday, April 14.

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Open Space

A broad, open area, ideal for diverse events and intergenerational activities.



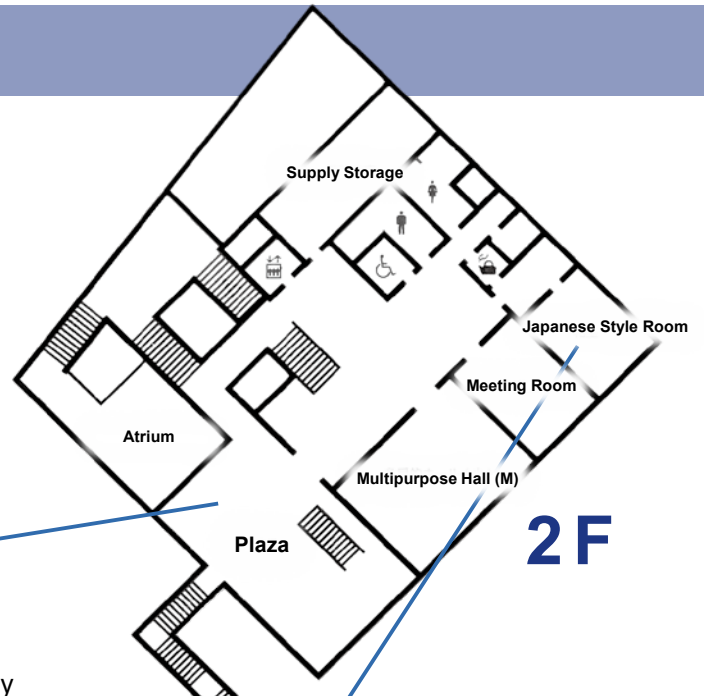
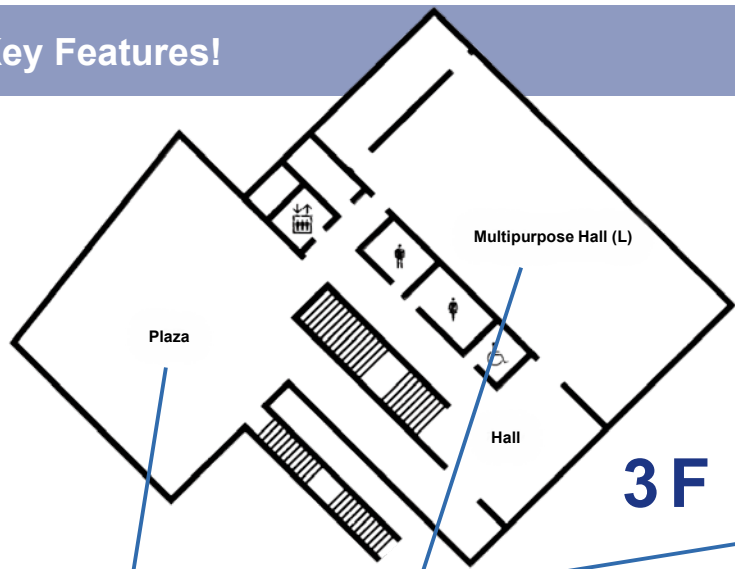
Courtyard

The courtyard on the first floor features a spacious lawn area where both adults and children can relax.



※Please note that the images in this article are from the design stage and may differ from the actual facility.

Key Features!



2nd & 3rd Floor Plazas

Feature outdoor terraces designed to connect seamlessly with the courtyard and surrounding outdoor areas. In case of a disaster, the terrace can also be used as a temporary evacuation spot.



Large Multipurpose Hall

Equipped with a retractable stage and projector.



Japanese Style Room

Features an electric hearth, suitable for tea ceremony.

Nishi Community Center

- **Location:** 3-1-11 Sunayama Minami
- **Hours:** 9:00–21:30
- **Closed:** Every Tuesday and during the year-end/New Year holidays
- **Facilities:** Large multipurpose hall, activity rooms, Japanese-style room, cooking lab, meeting rooms, work room, study room, and kids' space



Facility Reservations

Reservations via the Facility Reservation System start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 1. Prior registration (as an organization) is required. For more details, please see the City website (ID: 1061187). Facility rentals begin Monday, April 14.

Inquiries: Lifelong Learning Division (Tel: 435-1193)

