Multilingual Information August 2025 Theme: "My Number"

## **English**

My Number (personal number) is a 12-digit number given to all residents of Japan.

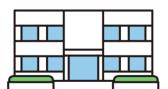
After registering as a resident at a city office, first-time residents of Japan will receive a "personal identification number notification" by mail in about three weeks. Your personal number is written on the "personal number notification".

You will need your My Number when you start working at a company or when you apply for national health insurance or social insurance.

My number card is an IC card with your My Number written on it. It can also be used as an identification card. With a my number card, you can obtain a copy of your resident registration card at a



convenience store. You can apply for a my number card by mail or online. To apply by mail, fill out the necessary information on the application form attached to the "Personal Identification Number Notification Form," affix a photo of your face, and send it by mail. For online applications, read the QR code on the application form with a smart phone or other device and enter the necessary information.



Those who do not know how to apply or do not have an application form can apply at the counter. Applications can be made at the My Number Card Centers in Toigo and Aokijima, the general counter of the city office, and each branch office. Please bring your residence card with you. If you are applying at a branch office, please also bring a photo of your face.



After applying for a my number card, you will receive a notice of issuance one to two months later. Please make an appointment before you go to collect your My Number Card.

The expiration date of the my number card is the same as the expiration date of your period of stay.

If you have changed your status of residence or extended your period of stay, please renew your My Number Card within the validity period. Please also renew your visa within the validity period.

Those whose period of stay in Japan has been shortened must also change the validity period of their My Number Card. Please complete the procedures to change your My Number Card within the shortened period of stay.

Please note that if you fail to follow these procedures, your My Number Card will expire and you will be charged a fee for the renewal procedure.

You will not receive a renewal notice, so please do not forget to complete the procedures.