

Yokkaichi City Wedding Gift Program FAQ (2023.10.1~)

Q1. What kind of people are eligible?

A. The four main conditions for eligibility are as follows.

[1] Couples who submit a new marriage registration on or after April 1, 2023

[2] Couples who are both 39 years old or younger

[3] Couples who reside in Yokkaichi City within 6 months of marriage registration

[4] Couples who intend to live in Yokkaichi City for at least a certain period of time

Your Family Register Certificate, Residence Certificate, and Certificate of Full Payment of Taxes are needed as supporting documents.



Q2. Why is it for people aged 39 or younger?

A. Efforts to support marriage are just beginning on a national level, and the age range for this support is 39 years old or younger, in accordance with the national system to support new marriages. Although the national system has income restrictions, Yokkaichi City will give a wedding gift (without income restrictions) to all couples starting their new lives together here, in order to support a wider range of young married couples settling in the city.

Q3. Are people who are remarrying eligible?

A. People who are remarrying are also eligible. However, if either one of the couple has received this benefit in the past, they will not receive it again.

Q4. We registered our marriage in another municipality in mid-March 2023 and moved to Yokkaichi City on April 1, 2023. Are we eligible?

A. This program is for marriages registered on or after April 1, 2023, so you are not eligible.

Q5. We registered our marriage in another municipality where we currently live on April 1, 2023 but will move to Yokkaichi City in August due to a job transfer. Are we eligible?

A. You are eligible. However, the deadline for applications is within six months from the date of marriage registration, so you need to apply within that period.

Q6. We are both citizens of Yokkaichi City and will register our marriage on or after April 1, 2023 in Yokkaichi City. Our new legal domicile after marriage will be in another municipality of the home of one of our parents. Are we eligible?

A. As long as your marriage registration is submitted on or after April 1, 2023, the municipality where you submit it and your legal domicile afterwards do not have to be Yokkaichi City. You do have to live in Yokkaichi City for a certain period of time after receiving the wedding gift.



Q7. How long is the specified period of residence?

A. As explained in Article 2 of the guidelines, a married couple must live in Yokkaichi City for at least two years from the date of the decision to grant the wedding gift.

Q8. If we move away from Yokkaichi City after receiving this gift, do we have to return it?

A. We do not expect you to repay the money if you leave Yokkaichi City due to unavoidable circumstances, such as a job transfer. You will be required to repay the money if you are found to have received it through dishonest or fraudulent means.

Q9. The guidelines do not mention any exemptions from repayment, but what happens if we divorce or one of us dies?

A. Article 7 states that repayment is required if the couple is found to have received the gift through dishonest or fraudulent means. Divorce or death of a spouse does not fall under Article 7.

Q10. My partner and I are both foreign citizens of Yokkaichi City and will register our marriage on or after April 1, 2023 in Yokkaichi City. Are we eligible?

A. You are eligible. If both husband and wife are of foreign nationality, you should attach a Certificate of Acceptance of Marriage instead of a Family Register Certificate. The Certificate of Acceptance of Marriage should be issued by the municipality where you registered your marriage.

Q11. What is the process for receiving the wedding gift?

A. Please fill out the Yokkaichi City Wedding Gift Application Form with your names, bank account, and other information, attach the required documents (Family Register Certificate, Residence Certificate, and Certificate of Full Payment of Taxes), and submit to the Kodomo Mirai Section of Yokkaichi City Office. (Can be submitted by mail.) After review and confirmation of the submitted documents, if everything is in order, the wedding gift money will be credited to you within one month.

Q12. Where can I obtain a Family Register Certificate?

A. You should obtain it from the municipality where your legal domicile is located. If your legal domicile is in Yokkaichi City, you can obtain a Family Register Certificate at the Citizen's Section of the City Office, or at a District Civic Center or Citizens Service Center. You can also obtain it at a convenience store if you have a My Number Card and your current address and legal domicile are both in Yokkaichi City.

**Q13. Where can I obtain a Residence Certificate?**

A. You can obtain a Residence Certificate at the Citizen's Section of Yokkaichi City Office, or at any District Civic Center or Citizens Service Center. You can also obtain it at a convenience store if you have a My Number Card and your current address is in Yokkaichi City.

Q14. Where can I obtain a Certificate of Full Payment of Tax?

A. You can obtain it at the Municipal Tax Section of Yokkaichi City Office.

(You cannot obtain this certificate at a District Civic Center or Citizens Service Center.)

Q15. If I receive the wedding gift, is it subject to income tax?

A. The wedding gift is subject to income tax as temporary income. In income tax calculations, temporary income is subject to a special deduction of 500,000 yen. This means you do not need to submit a tax return as long as your total annual temporary income does not exceed 500,000 yen.

Furthermore, if you are an ordinary salaried worker, you do not need to submit a tax return as long as your annual income from other work does not exceed 200,000 yen.

Individual circumstances may vary, so please contact your local tax office.

