

## Kutchan Town Living Support Benefits.

### Program Overview

- **Purpose:** This program provides support to residents affected by the prolonged rise in prices of food and other daily necessities (including rice).
- **Funding:** It utilizes the national "Price Hike Response Priority Support Local Revitalization Extraordinary Grant".
- **Benefit Amount: 13,000 yen per person.**
- **Tax/Legal Status:** The benefit is **non-taxable** and is **protected from seizure**.

### Eligibility

- **Residents as of November 1, 2025:** Must be recorded in the Kutchan Town Basic Resident Register on this date and not have been removed from the register between November 2 and December 31, 2025.
- **New Residents/Births:** Those who moved to Kutchan from within Japan or were born in Japan and recorded in the town's register between November 2 and December 31, 2025.
- **Exclusions:**
  - Those registered in the town after January 15, 2026.
  - Those who passed away or left the country (removed from the resident register) before completing the application procedure.

### Application Methods

To receive the benefit, you **must complete an application**. The deadline is **June 1, 2026 (Monday)**; mail-in applications must be postmarked by this date.

#### 1. Online Application (Recommended)

1. **Pros:** Available 24 hours a day; no need to visit the town hall or use a mailbox.
2. **Steps:**
3. Take a photo of your bankbook or cash card showing the account name and number.
4. Access the form via the QR code or the provided URL.
5. Enter all required information and attach the photo data.

#### 2. Application by Mail

- Fill out the enclosed application form and mail it in the provided return envelope along with a **copy of your bankbook or cash card** showing the account details.

#### 3. Application at Town Hall Counter

- **Location:** 3rd Floor, Lookout Terrace Temporary Counter.
- **Hours:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Weekdays only, excluding holidays).
- **Requirements:** Bring the completed application and a copy of your bank account details.

## Payment Information

- **Method:** Principles dictate a bank transfer to the individual's account.
- **Minors:** If the recipient is a minor or otherwise unable to receive it directly, the benefit can be paid to the head of the household or another household member.
- **Timing:** Generally **within 40 days** after the application is accepted 3-5. Note that missing or incorrect documents will delay payment.

## How to Fill Out the Application Form

By filling in the applicant's name, gender, and date of birth, you are considered to have agreed to the "Pledges and Consent Terms" on the back of the form.

- **Section 1 (Applicant Info):** Enter name, gender, date of birth, and contact details (email and phone).
- **Section 2 (Bank Account):** Enter details for a **domestic regular savings account** in the applicant's name.
- **Section 3 (Household Members):** If you wish to apply for other family members in the same household together, enter their details here. The total benefit for all listed members will be transferred to the applicant's account.
- **Section 4 (Proxy Application):** If someone other than the beneficiary is applying or receiving the funds, this section must be filled out to authorize the representative. Copies of ID for both the beneficiary and the representative are required.

## Pledges and Consents

By applying, you pledge that:

1. The funds will be used for food and necessities.
2. The application info is true.
3. You have the consent of any household members you are applying for.
4. You will return the funds if false information is discovered.

You also agree that the town may verify your eligibility through resident registers and that failure to resolve document errors by the deadline will result in non-payment.

## Contact and Warnings

- **Inquiries:** Kutchan Town, Living Support Benefits Desk (General Policy Division) at **0136-56-8001**.
- **Fraud Prevention:** Beware of "bank transfer scams" or "personal information theft." Town and government officials will not ask for your PIN or ATM operations.