

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Conditions for Eligibility

	Question	Answer
1	Is there an age or income limit for the Minato City Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy Program?	At present, there are no age or income limits. However, starting in fiscal 2023, treatments started when the wife is 43 years of age or older will not be eligible for the subsidy.
2	Why do I need to check the application requirements for subsidy programs in Tokyo Metropolis and other cities or prefectures?	<p>If you are eligible for a subsidy from Tokyo Metropolis, etc., the amount of that subsidy will be deducted from the amount you are eligible to receive from Minato City. If you meet the application requirements for Tokyo Metropolis, etc., you will need to submit your application to Tokyo Metropolis before or at the same time as your application to Minato City.</p> <p>If you are not eligible for the Tokyo Metropolis, etc. subsidy, you may apply to only Minato City.</p> <p>Example: If the fee for Stage B treatment is 500,000 yen.</p> <p>(1) If you are eligible for the Tokyo Metropolis subsidy: the amount of the Tokyo Metropolis subsidy (250,000 yen) will be deducted from the amount of your medical expenses (500,000 yen), and the remainder (250,000 yen) will be the amount of your subsidy from Minato City.</p> <p>(2) If you are not eligible for the Tokyo Metropolis subsidy: The maximum amount of the Minato City subsidy (300,000 yen) will be the amount of your subsidy from Minato City.</p>
3	My spouse resides outside of Minato City and has a higher income than I do. Can I still apply in Minato City?	You may not apply for the Minato City subsidy. If there is a subsidy program in the place of residence of the spouse with the higher income, please check with the local authorities of that area.
4	My spouse resides in a foreign country and has a higher income than I do. Can I still apply in Minato City?	If your spouse is residing in a foreign country, the spouse residing in Minato City may apply for the subsidy, even if his/her income is lower than the spouse residing overseas.

## How to Fill Out the Application

1	I had multiple treatments within one fiscal year and have several Certificates of Consultation. By combining all the fees, I've reached the limit of the subsidy. Do I have to fill out a separate application form for each treatment, or may I combine all the treatments on one form?	You may fill out separate forms for each treatment or combine all your treatments on one form; either way is acceptable.
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## Documents for Application

Receipts		
1	Do I need to attach a copy of each receipt for all eligible expenses covered by the subsidy?	<p>If the total of all eligible expenses during the treatment period exceeds the maximum amount of the subsidy, you may be required to attach copies of receipts for amounts exceeding the maximum amount of the subsidy.</p> <p>However, if the total includes ineligible expenses and removing them causes the total to fall below the maximum amount of the subsidy, you may not be able to receive the maximum amount, so please attach copies of receipts, leaving some margin in the amount.</p>

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2	I lost the receipt. What should I do?	<p>Please check with the medical facility and ask whether they can reissue the receipt or issue a Certificate of Payment.</p> <p>If you still have some of the receipts, it's okay if the total amount of those receipts is equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the subsidy. If the total is less than the maximum amount, the total amount of the receipts submitted will be the maximum amount of the subsidy.</p>
Certificates of Consultation, etc.		
3	I prepared Certificates of Consultation and other certificates in the Tokyo Metropolis format in order to apply to Tokyo Metropolis, but my application was rejected because my/our income exceeded the limit. As I will only be applying to Minato City, do I have to get new Certificates of Consultation and other certificates in the Minato City format?	The Tokyo Metropolis format is acceptable, but please write a note in the margin. (Example: I applied to Tokyo Metropolis, but my application was rejected because my income exceeded the limit.)
4	I received multiple treatments within one fiscal year. Do I need a separate Certificate of Consultation for each treatment? As there is a document fee for each certificate, may I have them combined in one document?	A separate certificate is required for each treatment.
5	If I change to a different medical facility in the middle of my treatment, how do I fill out the Certificate of Consultation and other certificates?	If you transfer from one designated medical facility to another designated facility, your treatment is eligible for the subsidy. The Certificate of Consultation (Form No. 2) will be filled out by the facility that transplants the embryo. However, if either facility is not a designated medical facility, it will not be eligible for the subsidy.
Certificate of Income		
6	As I moved into Minato City after January 1 (the standard calendar year), I'm required to submit a Certificate of Income, but the income of one spouse alone exceeds the limit for the Tokyo Metropolis subsidy program. May I submit a Certificate of Income for only one spouse when I submit my application to Minato City?	<p><b>In cases where both spouses are registered residents of Minato City</b></p> <p>If it can be confirmed that you are not eligible for the Tokyo Metropolitan subsidy program, submission of a Certificate of Income for only one spouse is acceptable.</p> <p><b>In cases where only one spouse is a registered resident of Minato City</b></p> <p>The application requirements for Minato City's subsidy program state that it is necessary to confirm that the income of the spouse residing in Minato City is greater than that of the spouse residing outside Minato City. Therefore, Certificates of Income for both spouses must be submitted.</p>
Certificate of Residence		
7	My spouse is a foreign national residing outside Japan, so does not have a Residence Card. What should I submit instead?	<p>It is necessary to submit documents confirming that the spouse does not reside in Japan.</p> <p>Examples would be the foreign country's equivalent of a Resident Card or a certificate of business posting or school enrollment. If the document or certificate is in a foreign language, please attach a Japanese translation (you may translate the document yourself).</p> <p>Further, if the spouse resides in Japan but is not a registered resident because he/she is posted to an embassy (diplomatic) or an American military base, please submit a certificate of such duty posting or a copy of your ID.</p>

**Application Period—Fiscal Year for Subsidy**

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1	What is the fiscal year for subsidies for treatments ending on or before March 31, 2021?	In the fiscal year for the subsidy, the date of application (valid postmark) is considered the base date. For treatments ending on March 31, 2021, if the application is submitted by March 31, the fiscal year for the subsidy will be 2020. If the application is submitted during the special period between April 1 and June 30, the fiscal year for the subsidy will be 2021.
2	The final date of my treatment is scheduled to be around the end of March 2021. I would like to apply for the 2020 subsidy, but the Certificates of Consultation and other certificates will probably not be issued until April or later. What should I do in that case?	If the Certificate of Consultation is not issued by the deadline for submission for the fiscal 2020 subsidy (March 31, 2021), attach a note to that effect and submit all other documents in March. Please submit the Certificate of Consultation promptly after it is issued. It will be considered an application for the fiscal 2020 subsidy (refer to page 6 of the Guide for details).
3	What is considered the final date of treatment?	It is the date on which the doctor determines pregnancy (whether or not pregnancy actually occurs), or the date on which the doctor decides to stop treatment (the final date shown for the Period of Treatment on the Certificate of Consultation).
4	If my treatment spans two fiscal years, 2020 and 2021, may I separate the two years and apply in both fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021?	Since application will be made after treatment has been completed, even if the treatment spans two fiscal years, if the ending date is in fiscal 2021, the application will be submitted in fiscal 2021 so the application will be for the fiscal 2021 subsidy (you cannot divide one treatment cycle and apply for the parts separately).

**Treatments Eligible for the Subsidy**

1	Please tell me what treatment-related expenses are eligible for the subsidy.	<p>Among the treatments carried out during the treatment period, treatments not covered by medical insurance (including those listed but shown as 100% patient's responsibility), medications and injections for egg collection, egg collection and embryo transfer, and pregnancy confirmation test fees are eligible.</p> <p>Hospital room fees (differential bed fees, etc.), dietary/meal fees, fees for management of frozen egg/sperm/fertilized embryo (preservation fee) and document fees are not covered.</p> <p>In addition, screening for the subsidy is carried out based on content that the designated medical facility has confirmed in the Certificate of Consultation for the Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy.</p> <p>Treatment stages A through F are eligible for the subsidy, but please check with your doctor to find out if your treatment is eligible for the subsidy and what stage will be.</p>
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**Transfer of Subsidy**

1	If I receive the subsidy, will that prevent me from receiving the medical expense deduction when I file my income tax return?	Please contact the tax office for information regarding medical expense deductions.
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**Subsidy for Male (Husband) Fertility Treatments (surgery to retrieve sperm from the testes)**

	Question	Answer
1	Are varicocele and sperm duct (vas deferens) reconstruction surgery eligible for the subsidy?	They are not eligible for the subsidy.
2	Is surgery that is eligible for the subsidy eligible regardless of which medical facility performs it?	Surgery undergone at medical facilities designated under the Tokyo Metropolis Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy Program (including Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy programs at designated medical facilities in other prefectures, designated cities and core cities) or at medical institutions introduced by those medical facilities are eligible for the subsidy. <u>Please note that if you have not received a diagnosis at a designated medical facility and have undergone surgery at a non-designated medical institution, you will not be eligible for the subsidy</u>
3	I want to apply for/receive the subsidy, but is there an upper age limit for my husband?	No, there is not.
4	May I apply separately from the Application for the Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy?	No, you may not apply separately from the Specified Fertility Treatment.
5	If the Specified Fertility Treatment that I applied for at the same time do not meet the required conditions and are not eligible for the subsidy, could only the expenses for my husband's surgery be considered eligible for the subsidy?	If the Specified Fertility Treatment is not eligible for the subsidy, expenses for the husband's surgery will not be eligible for the subsidy.
6	Testicular sperm extraction (TESE) was performed, but sperm could not be collected. Are the expenses for my husband's surgery eligible for the subsidy?	Even if sperm could not be collected and treatment was terminated, the surgery is eligible for the subsidy. This also includes cases where the husband's surgery was performed before egg collection under the direction of the attending physician at the designated medical facility conducting the Specified Fertility Treatment and the treatment was terminated because sperm could not be collected. In all cases it is necessary to apply for the Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy.
7	What documents are required for the application?	The following documents are required in addition to the documents required for application for the Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy. *It is necessary to apply at the same time as you apply for the Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy (. (1) Certificate of Consultation for testicular sperm biopsy sampling, etc. (Form No. 5) (2) A copy of the receipt issued by the medical facility (for the surgery described in the above certificate)
8	Please tell me how to enter the amount I am applying for on the application form (Form 1).	Calculate the sum of the amounts of the subsidies you are applying for under the Specified Fertility Treatment Subsidy Program and for medical expenses related to testicular sperm extraction, etc., and enter <u>the total amount</u> as the amount applied for. For the amount related to surgery to collect sperm from the testes, enter the amount of the subsidy you are applying for to cover medical expenses related to testicular sperm extraction.