

15. Enrolling in the National Pension System

(1) What is the National Pension? (KOKUMIN NENKIN)

Those who live in Japan (between the ages of 20 and 59) must join the National Pension System. National Pension subscribers are divided into 3 categories in accordance with their jobs, etc.

The type is not permanent but change in accordance with life styles.

Type (of insured person)	Who is Enrolled	Enrollment Procedures	Payment Method
Type 1	Students Self-employed persons Persons without jobs and their spouses	Toyohashi City Hall National Health Insurance and Pension Division Window	Pay as instructed on the payment slip sent by the Social Insurance Office. The monthly insurance fee for 2007 is ¥ 14,140.
Type 2	Office workers (employee pension) Public workers (mutual aid pension)	Companies or offices where they work	Automatic deduction from salaries and bonuses. Premiums are determined according to the monthly salary amount. Employers and employees bear evenly.
Type 3	Spouses supported by Type 2 persons	Companies or offices where the Type 2 spouses work	Not required to pay. The organization where the Type 2 spouses are enrolled in bear the premium cost.

(2) Possible Pensions

National Pension subscribers can receive a pension in the following cases, but since it is necessary that fixed claim requirements be satisfied, please inquire at the National Pension window.

- a) in the event you become disabled Disability-based pension
(SHOGAI KISO NENKIN)
- b) when a subscriber dies..... Bereavement-based pension
(IZOKU KISO NENKIN)
- c) principally when you become 65 Age-based pension
(ROREI KISO NENKIN)

(3) When a subscriber changes address or leaves the country

When you move to another city, town, or village, it is necessary to fill out a Change of Address Form. When you leave the country, return your National Pension Passbook to a National Pension window since it is no longer necessary to pay the pension premium.

(4) When you have difficulty paying the pension premium

If a Type 1 individual cannot pay the pension premium for economic reasons, etc., rather than fall behind in payments, please consult your National Pension window. A deferment option may be available.

(5) Lump-sum Withdrawal Payments System (Dattai Ichijikin Seido)

A foreigner who paid national or employee pension premiums may be eligible to receive a lump-sum withdrawal payment if permanently leaving Japan before receiving any pension payments. Request for an appropriate application form (Dattai Ichijikin Seikyu-sho), and after you have left Japan, file for a lump-sum withdrawal from abroad with necessary documents within 2 years of leaving Japan to the Social Insurance Operation Center.

Eligibility Requirements

- a) Do not possess Japanese citizenship (may not have dual citizenship, permanent residents may apply)
- b) Paid pension premiums for more than 6 months.
- c) Do not have a place of residence in Japan.
- d) Have never been qualified for receipt pension benefits (including disability-based pension).

[Contact Information]

- * If you are enrolled in the National Pension System
Toyohashi City Hall National Health Insurance and Pension Division
National Pension System Supervisor TEL: 0532-51-2290
(KOKUHO NENKINKA)
- * If you were enrolled in National Pension or employee pension
Toyohashi Social Insurance Office TEL: 0532-33-4111 (representative)
(TOYOHASHI SYAKAI HOKEN JIMUSYO)
- * If you are enrolled in employee pension
Your work place