

Some notes on the ¥100,000 payments from the Japanese Government
(Information summarised from the *Asahi Shinbun*, 21st April 2020)

On 20th April, the Japanese government announced their plan to give out payments of ¥100,000 to citizens in response to the economic hardships being caused by the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone whose name is on Japan's Basic Resident Register (住民基本台帳) as of 27th April 2020 will be eligible for the payment. This includes foreign citizens, as long as you have a My Number card. The money is expected to be transferred online or by *furikomi* bank transfer.

Applications for the money will happen online or via post and will require your My Number card and a proof of your identity (e.g. driving license/residence card). Further information about how to apply and how long the process will take is expected to come from your local authority (e.g. city hall) over the next few days and weeks.

The money is expected to be distributed next month, but may arrive later or sooner depending on how long the application process takes.

Those who are homeless/living in internet cafes will also be eligible for the money if they register with their local authorities.