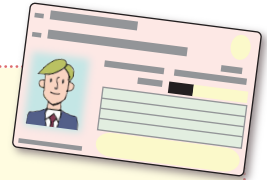


2 Individual Number System

2-1 About Individual Number System

- A Individual Number is necessary such as in the following occasions:
 - i. When you receive a pension, childcare allowance or medical services
 - ii. When you make or receive overseas remittances
 - iii. When you open a bank account
- When using Individual Number, the following will be confirmed:



- i. Whether the number is exactly your number
- ii. Whether the person of the photo on the card and you are the same person. Therefore, other person cannot use your Individual Number by impersonating you.

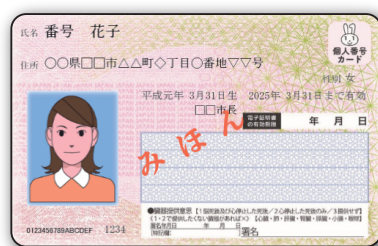
2-2 Individual Number Card (My Number Card)

Individual Number Card is a card with IC chip which is necessary for convenient life in Japan.

(1) Contents

Front side: Name, Address, Date of birth, Sex, Photo of yourself facing forward, the term of validity

Back side: Individual Number



Front side



Back side

(2) When to use Individual Number card

- Use it as an identity verification document
- Use it for filing an income tax online
- Use it to apply online for childcare allowances and daycare
- Use it to get a copy of various certificates including a certificate of residence etc. at convenience stores (you can also get it on public holidays. In some municipalities, you may not be able to get a copy of certificates.)

- Use it as a health insurance card (Using your Individual Number Card at medical facilities and pharmacies will let you share your health and medical information with healthcare providers for better medical care.)

Please check at which medical institution and pharmacy you can use it on the following website:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/index_16743.html



(3) How to apply for a Individual Number Card

You can apply for a Individual Number Card when you have decided your address and file a moving-in notification to the municipality (except for some municipalities).

When you apply for a Individual Number Card for the first time, you don't need to pay for the application.

If you weren't able to make an application for a Individual Number Card when you moved into the new address, you can apply with an application form which will be sent to you later by following measures.

i. Application using a smartphone

Take a photo with you facing forward with your smartphone and apply online by using the QR code on the application form.

ii. Application using a PC

Take a photo showing you facing forward with a digital camera and apply online by using the prescribed form.

iii. Application by mail

Paste a photo facing forward on an application form, fill the necessary things of the form, and put it in the post.

iv. Application using an ID Photo Booth (you can only apply from certain booths)

Operate the touch-panel and insert coins, then present the QR code on an application form to the bar-code reader. Fill in the necessary items and send it with your photo.

v. Apply for a Individual Number Card at the municipality office (with some exceptions).

Fill in the necessary items on an application form and submit it to the municipal office where you live.

- * If you apply for Individual Number Card at the counter of the municipal office after receiving identity confirmation, you can receive it by mail.

See the following URL for details:

<https://www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/en-kofushinse/>



(4) How to receive your Individual Number Card

About one month later, you will receive a postcard from the municipal office. Please collect your Individual Number Card by bringing the postcard and necessary documents with you to the municipal office.

See the following URL for details:

<https://www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/en-uketori/>



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Notes about handling Individual Number Cards

- When there is a change in any of the items listed on your Individual Number Card such as your name, address and so on, you need to report the matter to the municipal office where you live.
- The validity period of your Individual Number Card will be expired on the date of expiration of your period of stay.
- After renewing your period of stay, please extend the validity of your Individual Number Card at the municipal office where you live before it expires.
- * The period of validity of your Individual Number Card will not be extended automatically even if your period of stay is renewed. If your Individual Number Card expires, there will be a fee charged to reissue it.
- * You need to pay attention to the special provision period which will occur upon application for the status of residence. If it is expected that the period of your stay of residence will not be renewed by the validity date of your Individual Number Card, you need to extend the validity date of your Individual Number Card for two months (special provision period).
After you receive a new residence card, you need to extend the validity date of your Individual Number Card again until the new date of expiration of the period of your stay.

See the following URL for details:

https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/jichi_gyousei/c-gyousei/zairyu/english/basic_resident_registration_card.html



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Other matters

If you need further information, please access following website.

About Individual Number System

<https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/mynumber/>



About Individual Number Card

<https://www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/en/>



You can also inquire by telephone.

Call Center

(Mon.-Fri 9:30-20:00 Sat. Sun. and holidays 9:30-17:30)

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