

1-4 City Housing and Specified Public Rental Housing (市営住宅、特定公共賃貸住宅)

【How to apply】 (入居者募集)

Applications are accepted every May, October and November. You will find details in PR paper “Koho Sakai”.

Inquiry For applications in May and October, please contact the Sakai Municipal Housing Management Center (*Sakai Shiei Jutaku Kanri Senta*).

☎072-228-8225 FAX 072-228-8223

For applications in November, please contact the House Improvement Division.

☎072-228-8113 FAX 072-228-8034

Please refer to the page “III. Daily Life and Housing” provided by Osaka Foundation of International Exchange for prefectural housing information.

1-5 Municipal Tax (市税)

【Municipal and Prefectural Inhabitant Tax】 (個人市・府民税 (住民税))

You are required to pay taxes if you live within or have an office in the wards of the city as of January 1, each year.

- Normal collection: If you had income in the previous year, please file a tax return for Municipal Inhabitant Tax by March 15. You will receive a tax payment notice later. Please pay your taxes according to the notice.

Inquiry Municipal Inhabitant Tax Division of the City Tax Office (please call the ward in which you live)

Tax Office 1-3-1 Akahata-cho, Mozu, Kita-ku, 591-8037		
Municipal Inhabitant Tax Division	Sakai Ward / Nishi Ward	☎072-231-9751 FAX 072-251-5632
	Naka Ward / Minami Ward	☎072-231-9752 FAX 072-251-5632
	Kita Ward / Higashi Ward • Mihara Ward	☎072-231-9753 FAX 072-251-5632

Special collection: Those receiving a salary will have municipal tax deducted from their salary.

2. Marriage/Divorce (結婚するとき/離婚するとき)

Please refer to the page “IV. Residency Management System・Basic Resident Registration System for Foreign Nationals・Marriage・Divorce” provided by Osaka Foundation of International Exchange.

3. Pregnancy, Child Birth and Child Raising (子どもを産んで育てるとき)

3-1 When you get pregnant (妊娠したら)

【Maternal and Child Health Handbook and medical exam vouchers】

(母子健康手帳と健診受診票つづり)

Please make sure you submit “Pregnancy Notification Form” at the public health center (pp.16–17) in the ward where you live in order to receive “Maternal and Child Health Handbook” and “medical exam vouchers” (for 14 medical check-ups: designated check-up items are covered by Sakai City). Please bring your handbook and vouchers with you when you go to hospitals and public health centers so that mother and baby’s health record will be written down. Maternal and Child Health Handbooks are available in ten languages (English, Korean, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Thai, Tagalog, Indonesian and Nepali).

【Antenatal classes】 (妊婦教室)

Antenatal classes are held at public health centers. Professional staff provide life guidance during pregnancy, preparation for birth, child raising, nutrition and dental health. Fathers can also participate.

Inquiry Public health centers (pp.16–17)

3-2 When your baby is born (子どもが生まれたら)

【Notification of Birth】 (出生届)

Please refer to the page “VI. Pregnancy, Child Birth, Child Rearing, and Education” provided by Osaka Foundation of International Exchange. Please submit Notification of Birth to the Civic Affairs Division in the ward office (pp.16–17)

【Medical subsidy system for infants and children】 (子ども医療費助成制度)

Subsidies for medical fees and hospital meal fees (standard co-payment charge) are provided to children from 0 years old to 18 years old (until the first March 31 after becoming 18 years old). (Only the fees covered by health insurance are eligible.) If you receive public assistance, you may not be eligible for the subsidies.

Inquiry Health Insurance and Pension Division in the ward office (pp.16–17)

【Child Allowance】 (児童手当)

Child Allowance is provided to parents/guardians of children from 0 years old until the end of junior high school (the first March 31 after becoming 15 years old).

Inquiry Child-raising Support Division in the ward office (pp.16–17)

【Home visits to families with infants】 (乳幼児家庭全戸訪問)

Before your baby becomes four months old, nursery teachers, midwives or public health nurses will visit you to provide information regarding child care. Please feel free to ask questions and raise concerns to the Child-raising Support Division in the ward office or public health centers (pp.16–17).

【Health examinations for infants and vaccinations】 (乳幼児健診、予防接種他)

Health examinations, baby food classes and BCG vaccines are provided at public health centers (pp.16–17). Other vaccinations are provided in medical institutions in the city. Please check which vaccinations your baby needs to receive and when they are due in your Maternal and Child Health Handbook.

3-3 Child raising (子育て)

【Daycares】 (保育)

Daycares	In what circumstances	Inquiry and application
Childcare centers	When parents/guardians need their child to be looked after due to their work or illness.	Child-raising Support Divisions in ward offices (pp.16–17)
Temporary childcares and Holiday daycares	When parents/guardians are having trouble finding someone to look after their child due to their part time work or temporary circumstances.	Kindergarten-Childcare Center Integration Promotion Division in the city hall ☎072-228-7173 FAX 072-222-6997
Sick child care	When parents/guardians cannot look after their child due to their work, etc., but the child is ill or injured and cannot be looked after at day care facilities. Registration in advance is required.	Child Nursing Division in the city hall ☎072-228-7612 FAX 072-228-8341

【Child-raising support】 ^{こそだ しえん}
(子育て支援)

Types of support	In what circumstances	Inquiry and application
Child care support helper dispatch service (fees may need to be partially paid)	When you are unwell before/after giving birth or worried about child-raising and having difficulty carrying out housework/looking after your child.	Child-raising Support Divisions in ward offices (pp.16–17)
Postnatal care	When you have no one who can help you take care of your children, and you have difficulty in looking after them at home due to exhaustion or worries about child-raising.	
Child-raising advisor dispatch service (free of charge)	When you have worries and concerns about child-raising and would like to seek advice.	
Kosodate Hiroba at ward offices (except Sakai Ward Office)	When you would like to meet and interact with parents and pre-school children, and seek advice.	
Sakaikko Hiroba (free of charge) (3F Giorno)	When you would like to meet and interact with parents and children up to 12 years old, and seek advice. No application required.	Opening hours: 10:00–17:00 (except Dec. 30–Jan. 3 and closing days of Giorno) ☎072-275-7601 FAX 072-275-7609
Minna no Kosodate Hiroba (free of charge)	When you would like to meet and interact with parents and pre-school age children, and seek advice somewhere close in your area (at vacant store, local community hall, etc.) No application required.	Child Nursing Division in the city hall FAX 072-228-8341
Big Bang 1-9-1 Chayamadai, Minami-ku, Sakai City	A place where children approx. between 3 and 9 can enjoy. They can play physically, do crafts and play with traditional toys. Workshops are held on Saturdays and Sundays. Admission fees are required for floors 2 to 4.	10:00–17:00 (closed on Mondays) ☎072-294-0999 FAX 072-294-0998
Family Support Center This is a membership organization which conducts mutual assistance activities and consists of members who would like to provide child-raising support (providers) and those who would like to receive the service (clients). (¥700/one hour)	When you need someone to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take and bring your child to/from school. • look after your child before/after nursery institution's opening hours. • look after your child after school (primary school). • look after your child when you go shopping, etc. Registration for membership required.	Family Support Center ☎/FAX 072-222-8066

【School Expense Subsidies】 ^{しゅうがくえんじょ}
(就学援助)

Families with municipal primary and junior high school children (except special support education schools), who have financial difficulties sending their children can receive subsidies for school expenses such as stationery and primary school meals. (Means test required) You can apply at schools or the Planning and General Affairs Division in the ward office (the Ward Administration Planning Office at Minami Ward Office) (pp.16–17)

Inquiry School Office Division, General Affairs Department, Sakai City Board of Education
☎072-228-7485 FAX072-228-7256