



“My Number” Individual Number system to begin fully operating from January 2016

- “My Number” is a number given to every person who possesses residency in Japan and is an effective means of managing an individual’s information across a range of fields for social security, taxation, disaster response and other purposes. It is also an efficient means of confirming the information of an individual that would otherwise exist across several government agencies.
- As of January 2016, the “My Number” system has been fully activated and will be required for social security, taxation and disaster response purposes.
- The Notification Cards which have your Individual Number written on them were previously mailed by registered mail to each household. However if you have residency in Iwaki and have still not received your Notification Card, please contact the Resident Register Group, Public Affairs Division by calling 22-7026.

“My Number” – an important number valid for your lifetime

- “My Number” is an important number which is valid throughout your entire life. That is why it is illegal to use someone’s Individual Number without justifiable cause, even if you have the other person’s consent. It is also illegal to ask for other people’s Individual Numbers when unnecessary. Heavy punishments are imposed on those who fraudulently use Individual Numbers.
- Take proper care of your Notification Card and any documents which have your Individual Number written on them and be sure not to lose them or have them stolen.

Beware of solicitation from those taking advantage of the “My Number” system

- Recently there have been cases of phone calls, emails, letters and house visits from those taking advantage of the “My Number” system and asking for personal information.
- Please note that NONE of the “My Number” system procedures require information regarding your bank account number, income, assets or family structure nor do they request money or attempt to sell or solicit any products.

Your Individual Number is used for a variety of purposes

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| For Employees | – for creating Statement of Earnings slip and for procedures involving Health Insurance, Employment Insurance and Pension at your workplace |
| For Students | – for applying for scholarships etc. at your school |
| For Parents & Guardians | – for procedures involving payment of Child Allowance and child vaccinations at your municipal office |
| For the Elderly | – for procedures involving payment of pension and use of the welfare and caretaking systems at your local pension office |

Proof of ID is required for procedures which use “My Number”

- To prevent identity theft from people using other’s “My Number”, confirmation of the correct Individual Number (number check) and the correct “My Number” owner (ID check) is required.

- Required documents for confirmation:

Number Check – Notification Card, Resident Card (with My Number written on it)

ID Check – Driver’s License, Passport etc. (for those who can’t present the above, please present 2 or more of the following: Health Insurance Card, Pension Book etc.).

Your Individual Number Card covers both the Number and ID checks.

*You can get an Individual Number Card issued by submitting the Application Form for Issuance of an Individual Number which was enclosed alongside your Notification Card. Refer to the documents enclosed with your Notification Card for more details.

Municipal procedures that require “My Number” as of January 2016:

- The following municipal procedures now require you to present or record your My Number:

- **Notifications:** →For moving in and out of the city or changing residence within city (inquiries: Resident Register Group, Public Affairs Division 22-7444)
- **Welfare:** →Procedures involving issuing of a Physical Disability Certificate, Payment for Service and Support for Person with Disabilities, Disabled Person Welfare Service (inquiries: Operation Section, Persons with Disabilities Welfare Division 22-7486, 22-7485)
→Applying for Public Assistance (inquiries: Regional Welfare Promotion Section, Health and Welfare Division 22-7450)
- **Insurance:** →Procedures involving National Health Insurance (inquiries: Investigation and Payment Section, National Health Insurance and Pension Division 22-7456)
→Medical Insurance System for the Elderly aged 75 or over (inquiries: Senior Citizens Medical Care Section, National Health Insurance and Pension Division 22-7466)
- **Child-rearing:** →Procedures including applying for approval of subsidies for admission into childcare centres (inquiries: Childcare/Education Section, Child Support Division 22-7458)
→Requesting approval for Child Allowance and the Child Rearing Allowance, notification of pregnancy, medical care for child upbringing and development, applying for approval of subsidies for medical expenses for specific chronic disease and applying for approval of assistance in specific treatment costs for infertility (inquiries: Mother and Child Health Section, Children and Families Division 27-8597)
- **Residential:** →Procedures such as applying to move into Municipal Housing (inquiries: Vacancy Management Section, Housing Division 22-7497)

*My Number may be required for other procedures not listed above

Inquiries: “My Number” Call Centre (Free Dial): 0120-95-0178
9:30am-10pm Weekdays; 9:30am-5:30pm Weekends and Public Holidays