

2. Nurseries

Children from 57-days old to school age will be accepted provided there are vacancies.

Where to inquire	<i>Hokenfukusi-service-ka</i> (Health & Welfare Service Section) of each ward office
Acceptance	On demand
Open	8:00-18:00 under normal conditions on weekdays
Pick-up service	No service. Guardians have to do it.
Documents needed	Applicant Form, Tenure Certificate, Alien Registration, Proof of Income Certificate
Fee	Depending on children's age and a household tax assessment.
Closed	On Sundays, holidays, and from Dec. 30 to Jan. 5.
Conditions	Guardians are gainfully employed or are self-supported. Guardians are physically sick, injured, or have mental disorders. Guardians are taking care of the sick or the disabled at home. Guardians are engaged in disaster relief activity. Guardians are actively seeking work.

* Some nurseries **extend child care** services from 7:00 to 19:00 or 20:00.

* * **Temporary child care services** are also available 3 days a week, in the event guardians need child care services due to disasters, accidents, birth, caring for the sick or disabled, or a personal respite. You can use this service on a per day basis. The fees range from ¥1,200 to ¥2,700.

[A Request from the Ward Office]

First time visitors to the Ward Office should be **accompanied by a Japanese speaker**. Details about the **temporary childcare services** can be obtained directly from participating nurseries.

From Ms. K

I'm studying Japanese more than 20 hours a week. I send my 2 year-old baby to a nursery everyday. My husband has not earned salary for 2 years in his home country and is a foreign student at Hokudai. The nursery fee is 4,000 yen a month, including lunch every day, which helps me a great deal. My friend, who has less than 20 study hours, uses a temporary childcare service occasionally. All applications are evaluated on individual circumstances and some may not be accepted.