

Enquiries regarding application and purchase (only in Japanese):
0570-001186 (calls are charged)
(Mondays-Fridays, 8:30-17:00)

About Higashihiroshima Shopping Vouchers with Extra Benefits

What are Shopping Vouchers with Extra Benefits?

In Higashihiroshima City, Shopping Vouchers with Extra Benefits (after, 'shopping vouchers') will be issued to alleviate the effect on consumption of the rise in consumption tax and local consumption tax, and to stimulate and revitalize local consumption.

Shopping vouchers will be sold in books. One book costs 4000 yen. Each book contains 10 vouchers of 500 yen each. One book therefore contains 5000 yen of shopping vouchers.

※ One person can purchase up to five books of vouchers. The limit for shopping vouchers for child-raising families is five books for each child within the eligible age range.

Shopping vouchers can be used between Tuesday October 1st, 2019 and Tuesday March 31st, 2020.

Who is eligible to buy the shopping vouchers?

① Those exempt from paying tax (it is necessary to apply)

Those with a registered address in Higashihiroshima City as of January 1st, 2019, who are exempt from resident tax (the per-capita portion) for the 2019-2020 financial year.

※ However, those in the following categories are not eligible:

- Dependent relatives, etc., of those who are subject to resident tax (the per-capita portion) for the 2019-2020 financial year (a spouse living with shared income, a dependent relative under tax law, a family employee of a blue return taxpayer, a family employee of a white return taxpayer)

- Those who have continued to receive welfare support payments for the period between January 1st and October 1st 2019.

- Those who die before the issuance of the purchase coupon is decided.

② The heads of child-raising households (it is not necessary to apply)

The head of a household in which there are children born between April 2nd, 2016 and September 30th, 2019.

※ Those who have registered their address in Higashihiroshima City by September 30th,

2019 are eligible.

※ Children born on or after October 1st, 2019 are not counted as being in the eligible age range.

※ Those who fall into both groups ① and ② are eligible to purchase both types of shopping vouchers.

For example;

① In a household with husband and wife, if both adults are exempt from paying tax→The household is eligible to purchase shopping vouchers (for those exempt from tax) for two people.

② In a household with husband and wife, if the head of the household is subject to tax, and his/her spouse (the two living with shared income) is exempt from paying tax→The household cannot purchase shopping vouchers.

③ In a household with husband and wife, with a two-year old child, if both husband and wife are exempt from paying tax→The household can purchase shopping vouchers (for those exempt from tax) for three people, and shopping vouchers (for child-raising families) for one person: shopping vouchers for a total of four people.

From application to purchase

① Application forms will arrive around the end of July.

② Fill in the form with the necessary details.

③ Prepare the necessary supporting documents (those who need such documents).

※ If you have left your registered address in Higashihiroshima City but are living and earning an income in another municipality, and you wish to purchase shopping vouchers, you will need a Certificate of Exemption from Municipal Tax for the 2019-2020 financial year (not a copy) issued by the municipality where you are living currently.

③ Submit the application form and the supporting documents to the city.

※ Application period: Thursday August 1st to Friday November 29th, 2019.

※ Please use the reply envelope included with the application forms (a stamp is not necessary).

※ You can also submit your application in person at the Promotion Office for Shopping Vouchers with Extra Benefits (4F, City Office main building), or at the Regional Promotion Division in each of the branch offices of the City Office.

※ Eligibility to purchase the shopping vouchers will be judged based on the

application.

④ Your purchase coupon(s) will arrive.

※ The coupon(s) will be sent by special registered mail (simple recorded delivery).

⑤ Take the purchase coupon(s), along with personal identification, to a shop selling the shopping vouchers, and purchase the vouchers.

※ Purchase period: Tuesday October 1st, 2019 to Saturday February 29th, 2020.

※ Shopping vouchers can be purchased one book at a time. You can purchase up to the total for which you are eligible, splitting the purchase into a number of times.

※ It is planned that post offices and large supermarkets, etc. within Higashihiroshima City will sell the shopping vouchers.

⑥ Use the shopping vouchers at shops in Higashihiroshima City.

※ Shopping vouchers can only be used at shops registered in advance.

Frequently-asked questions

Q1: Are people who moved to Japan from outside Japan on or after January 2nd, 2019 eligible to purchase shopping vouchers?

A: Such people are not eligible to purchase the shopping vouchers for those exempt from paying tax. If they have a registered address in Higashihiroshima City by September 30th, they are eligible to purchase the shopping vouchers for child-raising families.

Q2: Is there a way to check if I (or someone of whom I am a dependent) am subject to tax?

A: If there is a amount of tax payable shown on the notice of tax payable, then that person is subject to tax.

Notices of tax payable are sent from Higashihiroshima City to individuals directly, or through workplaces.

Whether a person is subject to tax or not can also be checked from wage slips, etc.

【For reference】 If your wages or pension income exceeds the values shown in the table below, in general you will be subject to tax. (These values are only for reference; the actual values differ depending on the circumstances of each household.)

	Category		Wage income		Category		Pension income
	Income from wages	Single			930,000 yen	Receiving a public pension, etc.	Single
Husband and wife (spouse supported)			1,378,000 yen		Under 65		980,000 yen
Husband, wife and one child (spouse and one child supported)			1,680,000 yen	Husband and wife (spouse supported)	65 or over		1,928,000 yen
Husband, wife and two children (spouse and two children supported)			2,090,000 yen		Under 65		1,470,000 yen

Q3: Because of violence from my spouse, I am living in Higashihiroshima City, but I have left my registered address in another municipality. Can I purchase shopping vouchers in Higashihiroshima City?

A: By completing formalities for those who are sheltering from domestic violence, you can purchase shopping vouchers.

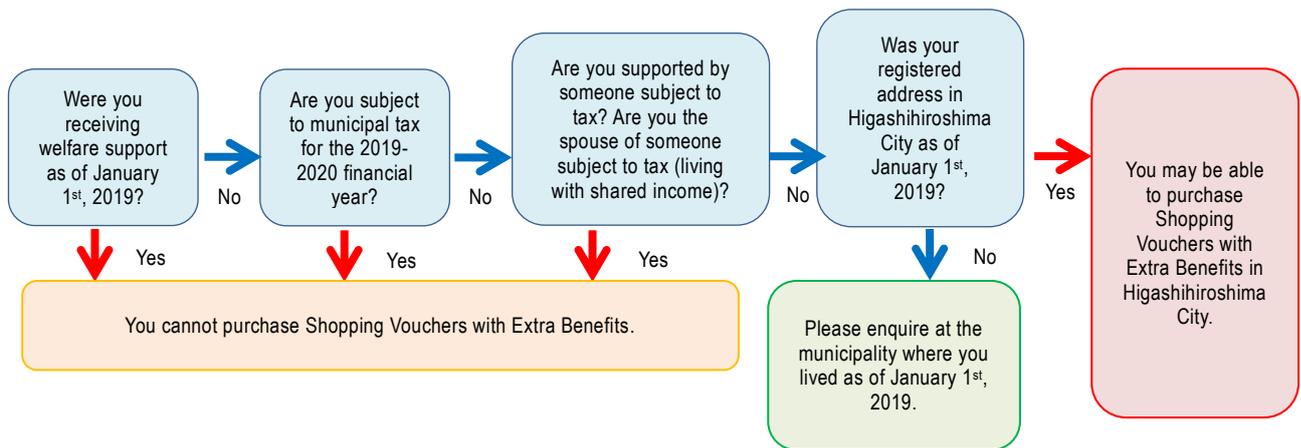
Q4: Can the shopping vouchers be used across Japan?

A: Shopping vouchers can only be used in Higashihiroshima City.

Q5: I lost my purchase coupon. Can it be reissued?

A: As a rule, purchase coupons cannot be reissued. Please look after your purchase coupon carefully.

Eligibility check chart (showing basic patterns)



Other points to note

- If you do not apply for or purchase shopping vouchers by the relevant deadlines, you will not be able to use the shopping vouchers.
- If there are inaccuracies or omissions in the submitted application form or supporting documents, and these are not rectified by the deadlines stipulated by the city, you will not be able to receive the purchase coupon, even if you are eligible.
- After purchasing the shopping vouchers, unused vouchers and vouchers whose validity has expired cannot be refunded.
- Purchase coupons and shopping vouchers cannot be handed over to a third party, used as security, etc.
- Personal information submitted in the application will not be used for purposes other than the shopping vouchers scheme.

Please be careful of fraud related to the sale of shopping vouchers.

Staff from Higashihiroshima City, the national government, etc. will never ask you to transfer money, purchase electronic money, use an ATM (at a bank, a convenience store, etc.), etc., for the purpose of selling shopping vouchers.

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