

Conditions for Legal Consultation Aid

Houterasu provides free legal consultation to those who have problems with private or domestic affairs but cannot receive legal assistance from lawyers and judicial scriveners due to lack of money (civil legal aid/legal consultation aid). To use this system, the following requirements must be met.

- ✓ Income and assets are under a certain amount
- ✓ Having an address in Japan and residing legally (However, if your status of residence is problematic and you file a lawsuit against the administrative authority that deals with your status of residence, bringing it to court where it can be confirmed that they recognize your status of residence, the requirement will be considered satisfied even without a status of residence, as an exception.)
- ✓ The matter is consistent with the purposes of civil legal aid.

Both Criterion A and Criterion B must be met.

Criterion A Income, etc. is below certain amount

Except in the case of a dispute between a husband and wife, assistance will be determined based on income and assets including those of the spouse, in principle.

The guidelines for monthly income (1/12 of take-home annual income including bonuses) are as follows.

Single person	Family of two	Family of three	Family of four
182,000 yen or less (200,200 yen or less)	251,000 yen or less (276,100 yen or less)	272,000 yen or less (299,200 yen or less)	299,000 yen or less (328,900 yen or less)

*The numbers in parentheses are the amount standards for large cities like Tokyo and Osaka.

*For families of five or more, 30,000 yen (33,000 yen) will be added for each additional person.

*If there are expenses such as medical expenses and educational expenses, the corresponding amount will be deducted.

*If you are paying rent or mortgage, the full amount is accounted for within the range of the following limits to the above income standards. The amounts in parentheses are the limits on added amounts for residents of special wards in Tokyo.

Single person	Family of two	Family of three	Family of four or more
41,000 yen (53,000 yen)	53,000 yen (68,000 yen)	66,000 yen (85,000 yen)	71,000 yen (92,000 yen)

Criterion B Owned assets are below certain amount

The total amount of cash and savings must meet the following criteria.

Single person	Family of two	Family of three	Family of four or more
1.8 million yen or less	2.5 million yen or less	2.7 million yen or less	3 million yen or less