

## Civil legal aid

The civil legal aid system provides free legal consultation for those in legal trouble with financial difficulties. It also provides advance payment for lawyer and judicial scrivener fees if necessary.

1. You must meet certain conditions to qualify for free legal consultation. Those looking to receive advance payment for lawyer and judicial scrivener fees must first receive free legal consultation.

◇ **Civil legal aid is only available to citizens or foreign residents with legal status** (excluding those with short term visas) with financial difficulties

◇ **Income below a certain amount**

The following is your base monthly income (including benefits and bonuses). If you have a spouse, their income will be included in the calculation (marital disputes notwithstanding).

Single person household	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4
Below ¥182,000 (Below ¥200,200)	Below ¥251,000 (Below ¥276,100)	Below ¥272,000 (Below ¥299,200)	Below ¥299,000 (Below ¥328,900)

※ Items in parenthesis are for large cities (Tokyo, Osaka, etc).

※ For families of 5 or more, add ¥30,000 (¥33,000) for each additional person.

※ Medical costs and education costs (etc.) may be considered.

※ Add rent and housing loans to the base income above within the limit of the max amount below.

【Single person household】	¥41,000	【Family of 2】	¥53,000
【Family of 3】	¥66,000	【Family of 4 or more】	¥71,000

◇ **Cash · Savings below a certain amount**

The following is your base cash · savings. If you have a spouse, their cash · savings will be included in the calculation (marital disputes notwithstanding).

Single person household	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4 or more
Below ¥1,800,000	Below ¥2,500,000	Below ¥2,700,000	Below ¥3,000,000

※ Subtract from total medical costs and education costs (etc.) foreseeable within the next three months that will be paid for with cash · savings may be considered.

2. After your free legal consultation, if you wish for advance payment of lawyer and judicial scrivener fees, provide the following for review: (1)documents proving your financial status (2)copy of your certificate of residence, certificate of foreign resident registration, or alien registration card (3)related documents. Your chance of winning the law suit (or solving the dispute) will also be examined. Advance payment for lawyer and judicial scrivener fees may not be awarded dependent on the review's findings.