

FY 2022 Guide to Nursery Facilities in Odawara

When using a nursery facility★

★Refers to licensed nursery facilities, certified combined nursery and kindergarten facilities, small-scale childcare facilities.

1. Before Application

Please make a visit to see the facility you wish to use before application.

Please contact the facility you wish to use directly before you make a visit to see the facility.

2. Nursery Facility Eligibility Requirements

Guardians of children from 0 years old up to pre-school age who need help with childcare for the following reasons are eligible to apply for nursery facilities.

Criteria for Determining the Necessity of Childcare

- ① You work more than 15 days per month and more than 60 hours per month at a company or at home (in case of multiple job-holding, you work for 60 hours or more per month)
- ② You need time to prepare for childbirth or rest after giving birth
- ③ You need care for your child due to an illness, injury, or disability
- ④ You care for your family with an illness or disability
- ⑤ You are attending university or vocational school etc. for 60 hours or more per month
- ⑥ You are looking for a job
- ⑦ You are recovering from a disaster
- ⑧ You and/or your child are in danger of abuse or domestic violence

3. Coordination of placements

The city of Odawara will coordinate the application process to determine which facilities the child is eligible to use among the facilities requested by the guardian(s). Based on the “City of Odawara criteria for placement coordination and benefit approval,” each case will be assigned a rank to determine the priority level in terms of necessity. The guardian(s) will be informed of the results of the coordination process via a letter notifying their acceptance or deferment.

4. Application Deadlines and How to Apply

If you would like to use a nursery facility, please contact the HOIKU Division at the city hall where you live. The HOIKU Division will provide the necessary documents. You can also download the files from the City website.

(1) Enrolling from April 1st, 2022

How to Apply		Application Start Date	Application Deadline	Where to Submit★
First Round	Mail	October 11 2021 (Mon.)	October 29 2021 (Fri.)	HOIKU division (5 th floor of The city hall)
	In person		November 5 2021 (Mon.)	
Second Round	In person	November 22 2021 (Mon.)	January 21 2022 (Fri.)	

(2) Enrolling partway through the school year (after May 2022)

Start Month	Application Deadline	Where to Submit★
May 2022	April 8 2022 (Fri.)	HOIKU division (5 th floor of The city hall)
June 2022	May 10 2022 (Tue.)	
July 2022	June 10 2022 (Fri.)	
August 2022	July 8 2022 (Fri.)	
September 2022	August 10 2022 (Wed.)	
October 2022	September 9 2022 (Fri.)	
November 2022	October 8 2022 (Fri.)	
December 2022	November 10 2022 (Thu.)	
January 2023	December 9 2022 (Fri.)	
February 2023	January 10 2023 (Tue.)	
March 2023	February 10 2023 (Fri.)	

★Excludes weekends and holidays.

Contact (Inquiries in Japanese only)

HOIKU Division

(open Monday–Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, excluding holidays)

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