

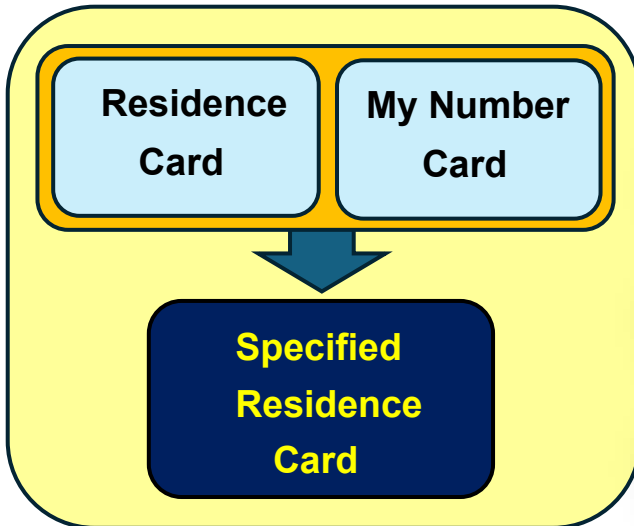


Notice

**New “Specified Residence Card” will be coming soon.**

**— A Card that integrates Residence Card and My Number Card.**

**Please give it a try !**



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**<Overview>**

Most foreign nationals residing in Japan have a Residence Card or a Special Permanent Resident Certificate (hereinafter referred to as "Residence Card, etc.") as well as a My Number Card. However, currently, those foreign nationals who hold both the Residence Card and My Number Card must go through separate procedures at different administrative agencies, forcing them to endure cumbersome procedures. Therefore, this amendment to the law will make it possible to integrate Residence Card, etc. and My Number Card, thereby improving convenience for foreign nationals residing in Japan and enhancing their quality of life, as well as enabling the administrative operations more efficient. Specifically, mid- to long-term residents or special permanent residents recorded in the Basic Resident Register may apply for the issuance of a Specified Residence Card or a Special Permanent Resident Certificate (hereinafter referred to as Specified Residence Card, etc). Procedures related to Residence Card, etc. and My Number Cards will be processed centrally; the details and validity period of the Residence Card, etc. will be revised.

**\*The service is scheduled to launch on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The information on the following website is planned at the time of publication and it may be subjected to change in the future.**

Source: Immigration Services Agency website (<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/tokutei.html?hl=en>)



Inquiries: Residents' Registration Section, Resident Affairs Division

Phone: 048-930-7701

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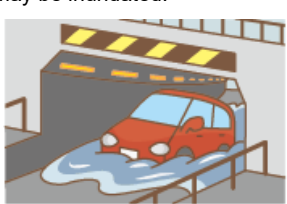

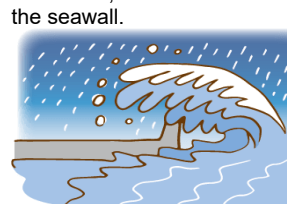
Scheduled from May 2026,

# New Disaster Prevention Weather Information will be issued

- **Alert levels** will be added to the name of warnings and advisories.
- River flooding risks levels will be announced differently [introducing 'Emergency Warning' alert].
- Information '**Equivalent to Alert Level 4**' will be issued as an '**Urgent Warning**'.



<Source> Japan Meteorological Agency website 「新たな防災気象情報について(令和8年～)」  
<https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/kishou/now/bosai/keiho-update2026/index.html> arranged for this article.

Flood	Heavy Rain	Landslide	Storm Surge
<b>The danger lies near rivers</b>	<b>The danger lies in low-lying areas</b>	<b>The danger lies near mountains &amp; cliffs</b>	<b>The danger lies near the sea</b>
Buildings may be inundated or swept away.	Areas such as roads under railroad tracks and basements may be inundated.	Slopes may collapse causing rocks and soil to flow down.	When 'storm surge' occurs as a typhoon approaches and sea levels rise, sea water overflows the seawall.
			

Color	Alert Level	[Danger level]	Actions you need to take
Black	Level 5 Emergency Warning	[Disaster imminent]	Life-threatening situation, ensure safety immediately!
<b>&lt;Be sure to evacuate from dangerous area before Alert Level 4 is issued!&gt;</b>			
Purple	Level 4 Urgent Warning	[Danger]	All residents should evacuate from affected areas.
Red	Level 3 Warning	[Warning]	Elderly people, those with disabilities, and others who may need more time to evacuate should evacuate from affected areas.
Yellow	Level 2 Advisory	[Caution]	Confirm your evacuation actions. (Check the evacuation site, route, and timing.)
White	Level 1 Probability of Warning	[Check weather bulletin]	Increase preparedness for disasters.





## How to Evacuate

- Evacuate to a safe place before disaster occurs.
- If it is difficult to escape from home:
  - 1) **Landslide** ➔ Move to a room away from mountains or cliffs.
  - 2) **Flood/ Heavy rain/ Storm surge** ➔ Move to the highest possible location.



## How to Find Disaster Prevention Information

In the event of a disaster, disaster warnings, advisories and weather disaster alerts will be announced by television, radio, internet, disaster prevention apps, and Misato City's disaster prevention administrative radio. Check the ways to obtain information in advance. Please visit Misato City official website for the information from Misato City. The evacuation information will also be announced by the disaster prevention administrative radio and public announcement vehicles.

<p>■ Japan Meteorological Agency website  <a href="https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/index.html">https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/index.html</a></p>		<p>➔ '<b>Kikikuru</b>' (Risk Maps)</p>	
<p>■ Misato City official website: 'Disseminating information during disasters'  <a href="https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/mokuteki/kyukyu_bosai/7766.html">https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/mokuteki/kyukyu_bosai/7766.html</a></p>			
<p>■ Misato City official website, English site: 'Disaster Preparedness'  <a href="https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/kurashi_tetsuzuki/english/10034.html">https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/kurashi_tetsuzuki/english/10034.html</a></p>			



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**Inquiries:** Crisis Management and Disaster Prevention Division    **Phone:** 048-930-7832

## CITY NOTICE (May 2026 - July 2026)

### ① Sending Notices of Municipal and Prefectural Resident Tax Determination and Tax Payment and Issuance of Certificate of Taxation [Income]/ Certificate of Tax Exemption

◆ FY2026 Municipal and Prefectural Resident Tax Determination and Tax Payment Notices will be sent out as below.

① Those whose resident tax is deducted from the salary (Special Collection) : Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

② Others (General Collection) : Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

◆ FY2026 (income in 2025) Certificate of Taxation [Income]/ Certificate of Tax Exemption are available from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for those who in ① and June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for those who in ②.

◆ Issuance at convenience stores by using My Number Card

Residents of Misato City can obtain a Certificate of Taxation [Income]/ Certificate of Tax Exemption by multifunctional copier at a convenience store using My Number Card from June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Available time : 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Fee : ¥100 per copy (¥300 per copy at the municipal service counter or by post.)

**Inquiries:** Municipal Tax Section, Municipal Tax Division

**Phone:** 048-930-7706

### ② Sending of National Health Insurance Tax Payment Notice and Issuance of Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate (*shikaku kakuninsho*) or Notification of Health Insurance Eligibility Information (*shikakujo no oshirase*)

◆ The tax payment notice will be sent out in mid-July, 2026. Please pay by the due date.

◆ Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate or a Notification of Health Insurance Eligibility Information will be issued by late July 2026.

A different notification will be issued depending on registration status of My Number Card.

• Those who are not registered My Number Card as your health insurance certificate.

→ Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate

• Those who are registered My Number Card as your health insurance certificate.

→ Notification of Health Insurance Eligibility Information

\*Health Insurance Eligibility Information without expiration date will not be issued again.

\*In case of My Number Card as your health insurance certificate is not readable by machine, please present your Notification of Health Insurance Eligibility Information.

**Inquiries:** Insurance Premium Section, National Health Insurance and National Pension Division

**Phone:** 048-930-7703

### ③ "Grants, Allowances and Subsidies" page was created under the "Useful Services" on the Misato City official website

This page compiles various grants, allowances and subsidies provided by the city. You can search for subsidies and allowances that suit your life stage and specific needs. Please use it.

Misato City official website (Multilingual support)

<https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/service/2000/index.html>



**Inquiries:** Public Relations and City Promotion Section, Public Relations and Public Hearing Division

**Phone:** 048-930-7762

Starting April 1, 2026,  
the **BLUE TICKET SYSTEM** will apply to bicycle violations

Starting April 1, 2026,  
the **BLUE TICKET SYSTEM** will apply to bicycle violations  
Even **without a license**,  
you're still a **DRIVER**  
Follow the rules and ride your bicycle responsibly!  
For those age **16 or up**

Guidance and enforcement after implementation  
of the blue ticket system (Traffic Infraction Notification Procedure)  
As always, in principle, guidance and warnings will be given,  
and enforcement measures will be taken for malicious or dangerous violations.

Using cell phones, etc.  
(holding them in your hand)  
**Fine: 12,000 yen**

Running a red light  
**Fine: 6,000 yen**

National Police Agency/  
Prefectural Police

**Basic policy of guidance and enforcement for bicycles**

If a bicycle traffic violation is detected, in principle, guidance and warnings will be given at the scene. However, malicious or dangerous violations that may result in a traffic accident or be a hazard or nuisance to pedestrians or other vehicles will be subject to enforcement measures. Regarding guidance and enforcement, the basic policy will not change after the blue ticket system is implemented.

**What is the Traffic Infraction Notification Procedure?**

If a cyclist or driver age 16 or up who has committed a violation<sup>1</sup> is subject to enforcement measures, they will be issued a blue ticket (a written statement summarizing the facts of the violation) and receive a notice to pay a fixed fine. If the notified person pays the fine, the case will neither proceed to criminal proceedings nor will there be any prosecution, leaving no recorded offense.

<sup>1</sup> Violations of the Road Traffic Act that police officers actually witness and are able to determine to have been clearly committed, such as running a red light and failing to stop at designated places.

Traffic Infraction Notification Procedure	Criminal proceedings	Examples of violations and fines
<p><b>Violation</b></p> <p>Blue ticket</p> <p>Fine is paid</p> <p>Case is closed</p>	<p><b>Serious violation<sup>1</sup> or traffic accident</b></p> <p>Red ticket</p> <p>Fine is not paid</p> <p>Proceeds to criminal proceedings</p> <p>Summons, investigation, trial, payment of fine, etc.</p>	<p><b>12,000 yen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using cell phones, etc. (holding them in your hand)</li> </ul> <p><b>7,000 yen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering a railroad crossing while the gate is closing or closed</li> </ul> <p><b>6,000 yen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Running a red light</li> <li>Violating safe driving or cycling obligations</li> <li>Violating traffic distribution (going the wrong way, riding on sidewalks, etc.)</li> <li>Obstructing crossing pedestrians and cyclists</li> </ul> <p><b>5,000 yen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failing to stop at designated places</li> <li>Cycling without a light</li> <li>Cycling with a defective bicycle brake</li> </ul> <p><b>3,000 yen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycling side by side</li> <li>Violating restrictions on riding and loading for light road vehicles (e.g., riding with two people)</li> </ul>

**What is bicycle rider training?**

If a person has repeatedly engaged in certain violations, when riding a bicycle, that may cause road traffic hazards (**dangerous conduct**), the relevant public safety commission will order the person to undergo bicycle rider training to prevent potential road traffic hazards. If the person does not follow the order to undergo the training, they will be fined up to 50,000 yen.

**Dangerous conduct** running a red light, failing to stop at designated places, using cell phones, violating traffic distribution, etc.

Source: National Police Agency website  
<https://www.npa.go.jp/english/bureau/traffic/index.html#english>  
<https://www.npa.go.jp/bureau/traffic/enzen/poster.html>  
 Reference: Traffic Rules [English], "Even without a license, you're still a DRIVER"

About traffic rules,  
please see the website  
below:

National Police Agency  
website 'Traffic Bureau'



Saitama  
Prefectural Police  
website 'English'



Leaflet  
(Japanese)



Leaflet  
(English)



Leaflet  
(Simplified Chinese)



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[https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/kurashi\\_tetsuzuki/english/index.html](https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/kurashi_tetsuzuki/english/index.html)



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