How to Enroll a Child in Public Nursery School (*Hoiku-sho*)

Apply at the City/Ward Welfare Office or a Nursery School with documentation of the reason why day care is necessary (e.g. parents' employment certificate, school certificate), and a document stating annual income (e.g. withholding certificate).

Inquiries

**Kyoto City Official Website**
Applying for Public Nursery Schools (In Japanese)

* A Nursery School (*Hoiku-sho*) is a child welfare facility that looks after infants and toddlers whose parents have a special need due to work or illness. Reasons such as wishing to provide preschool education or help prepare children for their transition into a school environment are not sufficient for entry. Children under 1 year of age to pre-elementary may be accepted, depending on the individual facilities. The fees are determined according to the parents' income.

Useful Links

**Kyoto City International Foundation**
“Easy Living in Kyoto -5. Childbirth and Raising Children”

**Council of Local Authorities for International Relations**
“Multilingual Living Information - Childbirth/Childcare”

**Kyoto University**
“Handbook for International Researchers”