

Application Guidelines for Childcare Support for Use of Babysitting Services in FY2026

In order to support the childcare and employment of faculty and staff working at Hokkaido University, the University will issue discount coupons that can be used when using babysitting services.

This project is implemented by the National Association of Childcare Services (hereinafter referred to as the “Implementing Organization”) on behalf of the “Children and Families Agency”. Babysitter service discounts are available for those who use these discount coupons.

* Discount coupons are issued electronically. A QR code-enabled device is required to use the coupons.

1. Childcare Assistance Program for Using Babysitters

Eligible Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Faculty and staff of Hokkaido University (including non-regular employees, but not students) and parent/guardian of (an) eligible child(ren). Must be a member of Hokkaido University's Mutual Aid Association or Social Insurance. *The user must be on workdays, etc., and must be in a situation (including returning to work) where it is difficult to work without using the service due to spouse's employment, medical treatment (including hospitalization for childbirth), job search, schooling, job training, etc., or being a single-parent household.
The target child(ren)'s age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children from 0 years old to 3rd grade of elementary school (must live with the person eligible for use) ◆ Children up to the 6th grade of elementary school are also eligible if they are issued physical disability certificate, rehabilitation certificate, etc. ◆ When using the service to return to work, preschool children who have not yet entered compulsory education are eligible.
Discount Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Up to 2 coupons per day (time) per eligible child (2,300 yen per coupon, maximum 4,600 yen) (e.g., 4 coupons per day for 2 children) ・ Services for which the fee is at least 2,300 yen per coupon x number of coupons used per time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees associated with the provision of services such as membership fees, transportation fees, cancellation fees, insurance fees, etc. are not included. • The amount of use exceeding the subsidy limit is the responsibility of the user. • Discount coupons are limited to 2 per day (times) per eligible child, up to 24 per month per household, and up to 280 coupons per year.
Term of Use	<p>April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027 (tentative)</p> <p>*Discount coupons will be issued around April 24, 2026. Coupons will be issued retroactively for use between April 1, 2026 and the date of issue.</p> <p>*Because there is a limit to the number of issued coupons, the issuance may be terminated when the maximum number of coupons is reached, even during the period of use.</p> <p>*This project is subsidized by the Children and Families Agency, and when the budget limit for this subsidy or the university budget limit allocated for this subsidy is reached, it may be terminated even during the period of use.</p>
Discount ticket handling Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Babysitting service providers to handle discount coupons must be those designated by the Implementing Organization. *Make sure that the user himself/herself forms a contract with the babysitter service in advance.
Eligible services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Care at home ◆ Transportation between home and childcare facilities <p>*This service is not available for childcare outside the user's home, such as baby rooms, group childcare, event childcare, in-hospital childcare, babysitting homes, etc.</p> <p>*Transportation between daycare facilities, and simultaneous transportation of multiple infants and toddlers from other than the same home is not eligible.</p> <p>*Discount coupons for transportation to after-school childcare facilities may be used only for "After-School Children's Clubs" that are officially registered with municipalities under the national government program known as "services for sound upbringing of after-school children".</p>

2. Childcare Assistance Program for Using Babysitters (multiple births)

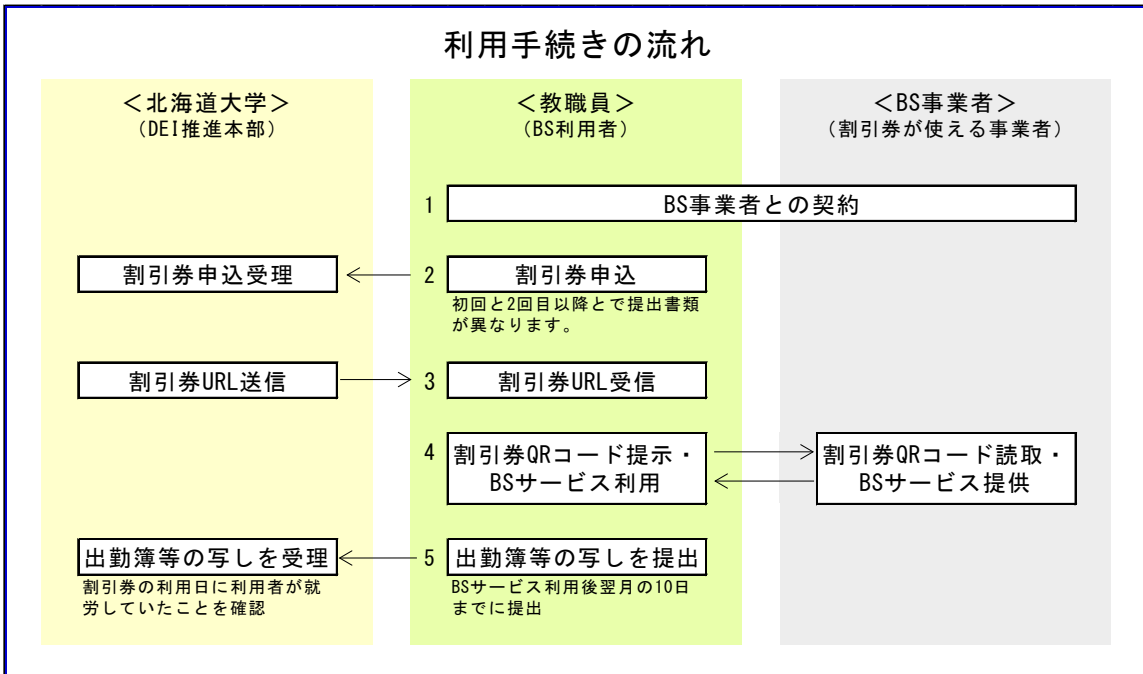
Eligible	◆ Faculty and staff of Hokkaido University (including non-regular
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Users	<p>employees, but not students) and parent/guardian of eligible children. Must be a member of Hokkaido University's Mutual Aid Association or Social Insurance.</p> <p>*Available on days when the user is not scheduled to work (to relieve childcare fatigue and recharge)</p>
The target child(ren)'s age	<p>◆Children from birth through preschool age (must live with the person eligible for use)</p>
Discount Amount	<p>◆For household with two preschool-aged multiple births: 9,000 yen per day (per time)</p> <p>◆For household with three or more preschool-aged multiple births: 18,000 yen per day (per time)</p> <p>*These discount coupons can be used within the standard allocation, but they are valid for one-time use only and cannot be reused.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fees associated with service provision, such as membership fees, transportation costs, cancellation fees, and insurance premiums, are not included. Any amount exceeding the subsidy limit is the responsibility of the user. ▪ These coupons cannot be used on the same day as other discount coupons issued by the implementing organization. ▪ The daily limit for discount coupons is one per day (time) per eligible multiple-births. Within a fiscal year, the limit for the multiple-birth coupon (9,000 yen) is generally two per household, and the limit for the multiple-birth coupon (18,000 yen) is four per household.
Term of Use	<p>April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027 (tentative)</p> <p>*Discount coupons will be issued around April 24, 2026. Coupons will be issued retroactively for use between April 1, 2026 and the date of issue.</p> <p>*Because there is a limit to the number of issued coupons, the issuance may be terminated when the maximum number of coupons is reached, even during the period of use.</p> <p>*This project is subsidized by the Children and Families Agency, and when the budget limit for this subsidy is reached or the university budget limit allocated for this subsidy, the subsidy may be terminated even during the period of use.</p>
Discount ticket	<p>◆Babysitting service providers to handle discount coupons must be those designated by the Implementing Organization.</p>

handling Businesses	*Make sure that the user himself/herself forms a contract with the babysitter service in advance.
Eligible services	<p>◆Care at home</p> <p>◆Transportation between home and childcare facilities</p> <p>*This service is not available for childcare outside the user's home, such as baby rooms, group childcare, event childcare, in-hospital childcare, babysitting homes, etc.</p> <p>*Transportation between daycare facilities, and simultaneous transportation of multiple infants and toddlers from other than the same household is not eligible.</p> <p>*Discount coupons for transportation to after-school childcare facilities may be used only for "After-School Children's Clubs" that are officially registered with municipalities under the national government program known as "services for sound upbringing of after-school children".</p>

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1 Contract with BS (Babysitting) service

The user himself/herself should make a contract and application for use in advance with a babysitter selected from the list of businesses* that handle discount coupons. At that

time, please make sure that the following information is clearly stated in the contract (or application form).

List of businesses handling discount coupons (FY2025 version)

https://bs-ticket.jp/babysitter2025/handling_company_list/ (Japanese only)

https://bs-ticket.jp/babysitter2025/handling_company_list_area/ (Hokkaido region list)

- Address, name, and name of representative of the babysitting service
- Address and name of the user
- Other items necessary for use of the service

2 Discount Coupon Application

*Please apply well in advance as it takes time for the discount coupons to be issued due to the procedure.

(1) First time usage

Please submit the following documents to the person in charge by e-mail or other means at least 7 business days prior to the first scheduled use of the service.

- Babysitter Dispatch Service Discount Coupon Application Form (*downloadable)
- Contract with babysitter (copy) (If there is no contract, a copy of the application form is acceptable.)
- Spouse's certification:

Please submit one of the following documents depending on the reason you wish to use the service.

- Spouse's employment: Spouse's employment certificate (copy)
(Any format is acceptable, but working hours and working days must be indicated)
- Certificate of employment submitted when enrolling in a day-care center or after-school childcare services.
- Copy is also acceptable

- Spouse's medical treatment: Documents (proof)
- Spouse's job search: Documents showing the date of interview, etc.
- Spouse's job training: Documents showing the date of training
- Spouse's education: Proof of enrollment
- Other evidence that the user would have difficulty finding work without using the services.

*Please inquire for details.

*You do not need to submit the contract with the babysitter service and spouse

certification documents every fiscal year as long as they are for a valid period of time. Please submit them promptly each time there is a renewal or change. We will confirm whether there are any changes for the new fiscal year.

(2) For the second or subsequent use (application required for each month)

Please fill in the number of tickets you plan to use for the month on the Babysitter Dispatch Service Discount Coupon Application Form and send it to the following e-mail address by the end of the previous month (at least 5 business days before the first scheduled use), in principle. If you need a discount coupon at short notice, please contact the person in charge.

E-mail: bs-hu@dei.hokudai.ac.jp

Office hours: Monday-Friday (except national holidays and year-end and New Year's holidays 12/29-1/3) 9am to 4pm

3 Receive discount coupon URL

Receive the URL of the "discount coupon" sent by e-mail from DEI Office. Click on the URL on your smartphone or other device to display the electronic discount coupon screen.

4 Present the discount coupon QR code and use the BS service

Please present the screen of the electronic discount coupon displayed on your smartphone or other device to the babysitting service. You will need to read the QR code presented by the babysitter. For details on how to use the service, please refer to the following URL discount ticket screen operation manual (prepared by the National Association of Childcare Services).

- Discount Coupon Screen Operation Manual (for users in Japanese)

https://bs-ticket.jp/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Manual_for_Users_202511.pdf

5 Submit a copy of the attendance record, etc.

In order to prove that the user was working on the date of use of the discount coupon, please submit a copy of the attendance record, etc. to the person in charge by e-mail, etc. by the 10th of the following month after the use of the babysitting service.

【Submission of Documents and Inquiries】

Please submit the required documents to the following address.

Contact: Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion / Diversity Inclusion Promotion Office

E-mail: bs-hu@dei.hokudai.ac.jp

★Subject of e-mail: [Department name/user's name] Application for registration of use of babysitter discount coupon

If you are sending documents by campus mail, please send them to “campus mail number 59, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion”.

*For inquiries, please send them to the above e-mail address. If you would like to schedule an in-person meeting, please send us an e-mail to make a reservation in advance.

【Handling of Personal Information】

Personal information provided by users will not be used for any purpose other than the implementation of this support.

【Notes】

- 1 The number of discount coupons is limited, so please make sure to apply for the maximum number of coupons. Please note that if the BS operator confirms that you have used more than the maximum number of tickets in a month, your application will be cancelled. Please make sure to apply in accordance with the babysitter's usage plan so that many people can use the service.
- 2 Please submit the application form for each month. Discount coupons that are not used due to a change in plans can be carried over and used the following month. However, if you do not plan to use the discount coupon in the following month, it will be cancelled, so please be sure to notify the person in charge. Each eligible child may hold up to two discount coupons that have not yet been scheduled for use.
- 3 If you change the babysitter during the contracted period, please submit a copy of the contract with the babysitter or an application form to the person in charge.
- 4 All applications and inquiries must be made by a member of the University's faculty or staff. Please refrain from making applications through people outside the University (spouses, relatives, etc.).
- 5 Discount coupons may not be lent or transferred to others.

- 6 Discount coupons may not be used retroactively from the date of issuance.
- 7 Please note that terms and conditions of use may be subject to change depending on the usage of babysitter discount coupons.
- 8 Please note that any usage of services other than those covered by the discount coupons, making false declarations that do not correspond to actual conditions, or submitting documents that are not valid, your use of the coupons will be immediately suspended, and you may be asked to refund part or all the past usage amount.

【Reference link】

- National Association of Childcare Services

<http://www.acsa.jp/>

*Japanese website only