

Individual Number Cards

In 2015, Japan adopted the “My Number” system, and everyone registered as living in Japan was issued a unique, 12-digit individual number. You can also apply to be issued an Individual Number Card, which has various uses, such as digitally issuing vaccination certificates for COVID-19. In this month’s *Living In Miyazaki*, we’ll explain a little bit about the cards and how to get them.



What is an Individual Number Card?

An Individual Number Card is a plastic card with an IC Chip embedded in it. On the front, it shows the bearer’s name, address, date of birth, gender, individual number and photograph. Besides being able to use it as a form of ID, it can also be used in place of a National Health Insurance card, and when filing final tax returns electronically.

How to Apply for Your Own Card:

Use the form that arrived with the notification of your individual number to apply.



1) By smartphone

Take a picture of your face with your smartphone’s camera, scan the QR code on the application form and access the application website.

2) From your PC



Access the online application webpage via the URL listed on the application form, fill in the necessary data, upload your photograph and send the application through.

3) By Post

Paste your picture onto the application form, fill out the necessary sections, place in an envelope and post it to the correct address.



4) Using an ID Photo Booth

Select “Application for the Individual Number Card” (個人番号カード申請) on the touch panel on the front of the machine, insert the correct amount of money and use the machine’s scanner to scan the QR code on your application form. Fill in the necessary data, take a picture of your face using the machine and send the application.

5) Other methods:

Some local authorities have a separate desk where residents can apply in person for a card. For more information, please check with your local City, Town or Village Hall.

For further details, please see the Individual Number Card website:

<https://www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/en/>

We hope your card comes in handy in your daily life!

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