

Emergency Student Support Handout for Continuing Studies

Regarding this cash handout, we received many inquiries, such as “how should we interpret each criteria?” “How should we judge if I am eligible or not”. For this reason, based on FAQ and the purpose of this handout, we give you examples how to interpret each criteria as below. Please refer them when you apply. If you are still not sure if you can apply or not after reading those as below well, please ask Student Affairs Department of Hirosaki University for advice on it, since the purpose of this handout is to support students who are experiencing a significant economic impact on your lifestyles due the coronavirus.

【Handout Recipient Requirements (Criteria)】

1. Those who fulfill criteria (1) through (6) below (or if an international student, then criteria (1) through (5) and (7)).

No.	Criteria
1	You are not receiving large sums from family. *1 *1. The rough standard for receiving large sums from family would be 1.5 million yen or more in remittances (including those for paying tuition).
2	You generally do not live in a supporter's residence.*2 *2. If you are not living in a supporter's residence, that means that you are living separately from the person financially supporting your family and you are paying your own rent. When filing your application, you must submit documentation (such as a copy of your apartment's rental agreement) proving that you commute to school from an abode that is not your supporter's residence.
3	Your part-time income accounts for a large percentage of funds for paying daily expenses and tuition.
4	Due to a loss of income for your family (by either parent) or other such reason, you do not expect to receive additional support from family.
5	You have lost a significant amount (50% or more compared to the previous month *4) of part-time income due to the coronavirus (including compensation for absence from work through the employment adjustment subsidy *3) *3. If your part-time job is eligible for support under the employment adjustment subsidy and you have been paid a leave allowance by your employer, then this allowance will be considered part-time income. *4. The month, from January 2020 or later, in which your part-time income dropped by a large amount shall be considered “the month” establishing eligibility.
6	You fulfill the criteria for one of the following programs.*5 1) You are a Class I recipient under the New Higher Education Support System (“New System” below) 2) You are a Class II or III recipient under the New System AND a student eligible to simultaneously receive a Category I scholarship (interest-free scholarship) who has used or plans to use the entire scholarship. 3) You are an applicant to the New System or plan to use the New System AND you have used or plan to use your entire Category I scholarship (interest-free scholarship). 4) You are not eligible for the New System AND you have used or plan to use your entire Category I scholarship (interest-free scholarship). 5) You cannot use the New System or a Category I scholarship (interest-free scholarship) because you do not meet the criteria, BUT you plan to use a support program provided by the private sector or elsewhere for which you are eligible to apply. *5. Class I, Class II, and Class III refer to income-based assistance categories under the New Higher Education Support System. Below are the specific income criteria.
7	An international student or the like (including students at Japanese language institutions) must fulfill the following criteria IN ADDITION TO experiencing economic hardship accompanying the novel coronavirus pandemic. (The same applies to programs such as International Student Study Incentives.) 1) You are a student with excellent grades. Specifically, your average grades for the previous school year must be 2.30 or higher. 2) Your monthly attendance is at least 80%. 3) You receive an average of no more than 90,000 yen in monthly remittances (not including funds for paying admission fees, test fees, etc.). 4) Your supporter in Japan has an annual income of less than 5 million yen.

1. Interpretations for the points that we have received many enquiries with regards each criteria.

With regard to the handout criteria 2,

○ Even if you live in a supporter's residence and receiving some financial support from the person, you can still apply if you are experiencing a significant economic impact on your lifestyle due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

With regard to the handout criteria 3,

○ Even if your part-time income doesn't account for a large percentage of funds for paying daily expenses and tuition, since your scholarship accounts for it, you are still eligible if you are having difficulty to pay your daily expenses and tuition due to heavy reductions in income from part-time work.

With regard to the handout criteria 5,

○ Even if you haven't lost 50% or more part-time income compared to that of the previous month, you can still apply if you are experiencing a significant economic impact on your lifestyles due to heavy reductions in income from part-time work because of the impact of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

○ You are still eligible if you planned to work part-time and enrolled into Hirosaki University, but you couldn't to receive the income you could have gotten from that work. In this instance, you meet the following two criteria under "3. Items to Submit" on the application form: "(3) Your part-time income accounts for a large percentage of funds for paying daily expenses and tuition" and "(5) You have lost a significant amount (50% or more compared to the previous month) of part-time income due to the coronavirus."

With regard to the handout criteria 6-2)3)4),

○ Even if it is not certain that you are going to use the system at the moment, you can still apply if you are considering using those systems and experiencing a significant economic impact on your lifestyle due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

With regard to the handout criteria 6-5),

○ If you are a Class II recipient under the New System or an applicant for it, and experiencing a significant economic impact on your lifestyle due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, you can still apply. Even if your application for Class II wasn't accepted, you wouldn't be required to return this cash handout.

With regard to the handout criteria 7-1),

○ If you are a first year student, we can regard you as a student with excellent grades by the fact that you enrolled into Hirosaki University. So you can apply if you are a student experiencing a significant economic impact on your lifestyle due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

2. Requirement Checklist on FORM 2

We often see the applicants who leave the "Checkbox" on FORM2 blank because they are not sure if they can tick the items or not. In this case, sometimes it happens that we take time to make sure if they have to tick the items or not. If we couldn't make a contact to the applicants and couldn't make sure it's status, we might not be able to nominate him/her as a recipient.

Therefore, please refer the "1" as above and do your best not to leave the "Checkbox" blank as possible as you can. If there are additional things you want to report, please declare it in "3. Items to Submit" of FORM 1.

3. Required Appended Documentation

Even if you are unable to submit some of required documentation by the deadline, you can apply for the cash handout if you are able to submit them later. In this case, please write that it is difficult for you to submit the required documents by the deadline in "3. Items to Submit" of FORM 1.

*** However, if you are the students who are exempt from residence tax, you have to submit "certificate of exemption from taxation" by the deadline. The certificate is very important to decide how much you can receive the Handout.**