

Q&A on the Payment of Unpaid Allowances to Overseas Atomic Bomb Survivors

Q1: Who pays the unpaid allowances to overseas atomic bomb survivors?

A1: They are paid by the prefectural authorities in Japan that have been making payments, or Hiroshima or Nagasaki city.

Q2: When you say it is possible to receive payment of unpaid allowances, just what exactly do you mean?

A2: Persons who received certification for their entitlement to allowance payments in the past yet for whom allowance payments were discontinued due to their departure from the country will receive payment for the duration they were not paid due to their departure from the country from out of the duration of payment entitlement before November 1997.

Q3: For example, say someone arrived in Japan in April 1992 and received entitlement for payments of the Health Management Allowance for the three-year period from May 1992 to April 1995, but their payments were suspended from September 1992 due to their departure from the country, after which no allowance payments were received. Would their portion of unpaid allowances be paid?

A3: In such cases the portion of allowances from September 1992 when payments were suspended until April 1995, which is the final month of their payment entitlement duration, would be paid.

Q4: If you have unpaid allowances, who should you contact?

A4: Please contact the prefectural authority from which you have received certification for allowance payments, or the departments in charge of atomic bomb survivors (attachment) of Hiroshima or Nagasaki city.

Q5: I came to Japan twice in the past and was receiving allowance payments from separate prefectural authorities. Who should I contact for cases like this?

A5: For such cases, please contact the respective prefectural authorities from which you received allowance payments in the past. Additionally, in cases where the unpaid periods overlap, you will receive payments from the last prefectural authority from which you received certification.

Q6: What sorts of procedures are necessary in order to receive payment for the unpaid allowances?

A6: In order to receive payment for the unpaid allowances you will need: (1) confirmation of your identity (more specifically; a copy of your Atomic Bomb Survivor's Certificate, personal identification documents, a certificate of stay, a certificate of residence, or similar documents verifying your name, date of birth, and current residence), and (2) confirmation of your bank account number and similar information for the deposit of allowances. Therefore, please present documents which can verify said information to the prefectural authority from which you have received certification for allowance payments, or from Hiroshima or Nagasaki city. In some cases you will be requested to present documents other than these for the confirmation of unpaid allowances.

- Q7:** What happens in cases where someone with unpaid allowances has already passed away?
- A7:** In cases where someone with unpaid allowances has already passed away, unpaid allowances up to the month of the person's passing will be paid to the deceased's successors. For the payment of unpaid allowances to one's successors, documents capable of verifying the facts of the deceased's death, documents capable of verifying an inheritance relation between the deceased and the successors, and similar documents are required.