

**Important Notice**  
**Regarding the Extension of the Deferment Period**  
**for the Temporary Loan Emergency Funds**  
**Granted in Response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

Regarding the Temporary Loan Emergency Funds granted by the Social Welfare Councils of all prefectures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare has, in light of the recent severe economic situation, decided to extend the deferment period (the time allowed before the start of repayment) until the end of March 2022.

Please be informed that the repayment of the loans will start from April 2022. Make sure to carefully read the following sections.

**1. No extra procedures are required.**

- By this announcement, the deferment period (the time allowed before the start of repayment) will be automatically extended until the end of March 2022, so there is no need to apply for extension of the deferment period.
- Redemption (repayment) will begin in April 2022 or later.

**2. Notification of redemption method by mail at a later date.**

- The Hyogo Prefectural Council of Social Welfare will inform you of the starting month of redemption, redemption method (withdrawal from designated bank account), etc. by mail before the start of redemption.
- The number of monthly installments and the monthly amount of redemption will remain the same as those entered on the written acknowledgment of debt at the time of borrowing.

**3. Redemption exemption procedures are yet to be determined.**

- In some cases, exemption from repayment may be granted, but the necessary documents and the timing for the start of procedures have not yet been determined.
- The Hyogo Council of Social Welfare will send a notice by mail as soon as the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare provides the details of methods and the start date of the procedure.
- Please refer to the website of the Hyogo Council of Social Welfare for a list of the requirements for exemption from repayment that have been determined so far.  
<https://www.hyogo-wel.or.jp/topics/corona.php>

**4. If your address has changed, proceed as follows without delay.**

- If you have moved to a new address or changed your name, please notify the Hyogo Council of Social Welfare as soon as possible.
- If your address has changed, please first contact the "Dedicated Call Center for Temporary Loan Emergency Funds". You will then be sent the necessary forms to complete the procedure.
- Please note that failure to notify us of any change of address, etc. may make it impossible for us to send you important information regarding exemption from repayment and other procedures. For this reason, please make sure to notify us of any change of address, etc.

**For inquiries regarding this matter please call us**

**at:**

Hyogo Council of Social Welfare  
(Social Welfare Service Corporation)

**Dedicated Call Center for  
Temporary Loan Emergency Funds**

**Tel: 078-803-8230**