

Noto Peninsula Earthquake Support Information

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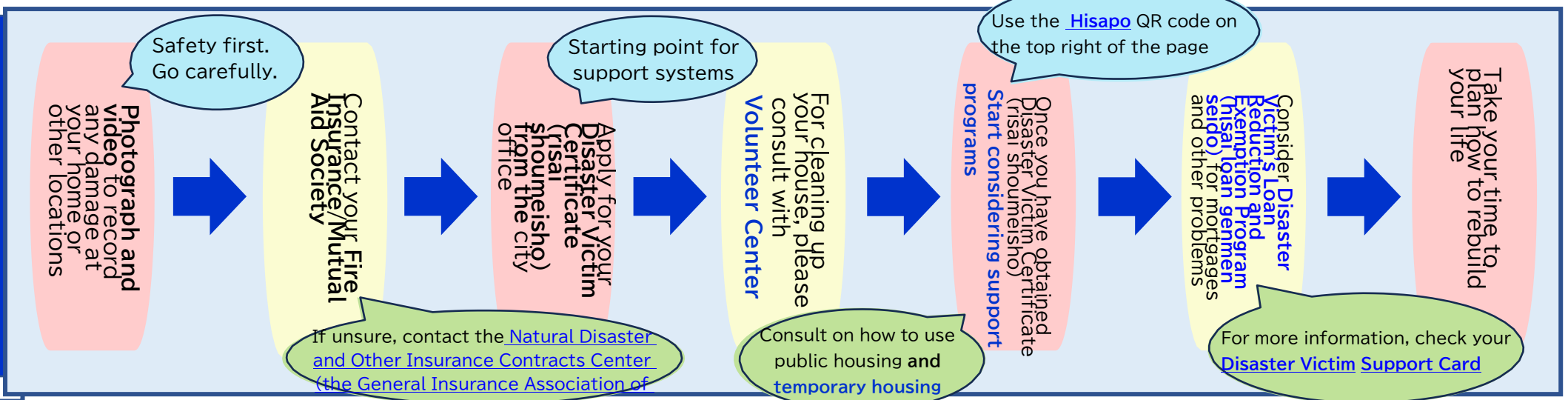
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The available support systems differ depending on the application of the Disaster Relief Law, etc. to the area, and other conditions.
 *The information in this Outline is current as of **January 3, 2024**, but may be subject to change thereafter.

Reconstruction Flow (example)



Disaster Victim Certificate (risai shoumeisho)?

Completely destroyed (zenkai)	Largely destroyed (daikibo hankai)	Moderately destroyed (chukibo hankai)	Half destroyed (hankai)	Partially Destroyed (jun hankai)	Partially but less destroyed (ichibu sonkai)
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Disaster Victim Support Card (2 types)

There is a card that briefly summarizes the relationship between the Disaster Victim Certificate (risai shoumeisho) and the available support systems, as well as the main support systems, which can be downloaded (free of charge) from [the QR code](#) in the top right corner of this page!

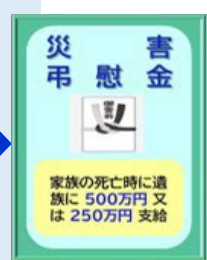
A Disaster Victim Certificate (risai shoumeisho) is a certificate of home damage that is issued upon application to the city office, after an investigation of the damaged home. As shown in the table, there are six main categories, including completely destroyed and half destroyed. **Many support programs are tied to the Disaster Victim Certificate (risai shoumeisho).** Therefore, applying for a Disaster Victim Certificate (risai shoumeisho) is the start of the reconstruction process. The heavier the category of determined damage, the more support you can receive. If there is any doubt about the initial determination, [you can apply for a re-investigation or further investigation](#), so please consult with the local government that issued the certificate.

There are many support systems in Japan. For details, please refer to the "Checklist of Support Programs for Disaster Victims" in [Hisapo](#), but first, we can check some typical support programs in brief.



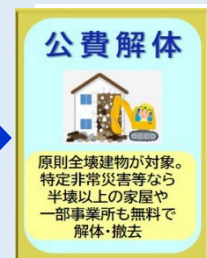
Some support systems might not be available, and some may be announced too late, depending on the type of disaster, your municipality, income, and other factors. **Always check the latest information** and consult with your local government if you are unsure.

Q1
What if a family member dies or is left with a serious disability because of this disaster?



- Apply to the local government
- Consult with the local government if a family member has died during evacuation as a disaster-related death
- There is also a system of compensation for serious disabilities

Q2
Is there any support with demolition or removal costs for damaged buildings?



- The system usually provides for the demolition and removal costs for houses and other structures that have been completely destroyed (zenkai)
- For the Noto Peninsula Earthquake, the system has been expanded to also include as far as half-destroyed (hankai) homes too.

Q3
Are there any grants available for people whose homes have been damaged? Note: The Act on Support for Reconstructing Livelihoods of Disaster Victims must apply to the area in question for this.



Up to 3 million yen in support (see below)

Q4
Is there any support for repairing my home? Note: the Disaster Relief Act must apply to the area in question.



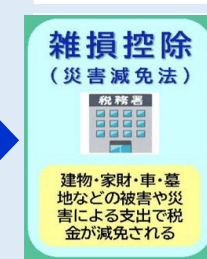
- This support system is for people whose homes are partially destroyed (jyun-hankai) or worse.
- Be sure to consult with the local government before starting repairs
- Be aware of the prohibition of using this system in combination with temporary housing (kasetsu-kyutaku) (see below)

Q5
What support programs are available to borrow money for repair, reconstruction, home purchase, or other post-disaster rebuilding?



- Please consult with the Japan Housing Finance Agency (formerly the Housing Loan Corporation)
- If you are over 60 years old, you might be eligible for a special payment exception for the elderly (see below)

Q6
Is there any support program to reduce income tax and inhabitant tax for damage victims?



- This system is similar to the medical expense deduction system
- Deductions are made from income for losses not covered by insurance.
- Tax returns must be filed

Relationship between emergency repairs and temporary housing

OR

If you use the emergency repair system, you may not be allowed to enter temporary housing (kasetsu jyutaku) or not be able to use publicly funded demolition after repairs are made. Therefore, please carefully consider, especially for those who may be able to use temporary housing (kasetsu jyutaku) or demolition at public expense, such as those whose home is half destroyed (hankai) or worse

Support Grants for Reconstructing Livelihoods of Disaster Victims

基礎支援金 Basic Grant	加算支援金 Additional Grant	
全壊・解体等 100万円 大規模半壊 50万円	建設・購入	200万円
	補修	100万円
	民間賃貸	50万円

中規模半壊は、基礎支援金はなく、加算支援金のみ上記の各半額もらえる

- Single person households are eligible for three-fourths of each amount in the table above
- In a rental property, the lessee is eligible
- If a house that is largely destroyed or worse or a house with ground damage is demolished, it is possible to receive the same support as a demolished household (kaitai-setai)
- If a household is certified as a long-term evacuation household (choki-hinan-setai), you might be eligible for the same support subsidy as for a totally destroyed home (zenkai)

Special payment exception for the elderly

The Japan Housing Finance Agency (JHF) offers a special loan program for housing reconstruction for those aged 60 or above.

The key points are as follows

- Borrowing for expenses such as repairing, rebuilding, or purchasing a new home
- Monthly repayment is interest only. A mortgage is required.
- The original principal is paid at death, either in a one-time payment by the heirs or with the proceeds from the sale of the property. **If the debt remains, the heirs are not obliged to pay it.**

◆ Beware of **scams in affected areas!** Consult the police, and dial 188 (consumer hotline), etc. before paying!

◆ Please be assured that **you will not lose your rights** even if you lose your real estate title deed, bankbook, insurance policy, or registered personal seal (jitsuin)

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