

People recognized to satisfy certain requirements may get the health handbooks for atomic bomb survivors.



We ask people who think they were exposed to "black rain" to please apply for the issuance of a health handbook for atomic bomb survivors.

The blank application form and medical certificate form are available at embassies, etc.*

*The embassy or consulate of the Government of Japan established in the region where you live (in Taiwan, the Exchange Association)

Applications can be received even before the operation commencement date (April 1, 2022).

There are the following two requirements for newly getting a health handbook for atomic bomb survivors from April 1, 2022.

Requirement (i) Exposure to the "black rain" of Hiroshima

- It must be possible to confirm that you were exposed to "black rain" and that your exposure place and period of time, the rainfall situation, and your life situation, etc. were similar to the circumstances of the plaintiffs in the Hiroshima "black rain" court ruling of July 2021.

*We will individually examine whether or not you meet the requirements by asking for documents containing facts about your exposure to the "black rain" of Hiroshima (documents showing your place of residence, school, workplace, etc.) as necessary.

*When it is unclear whether you are eligible for handbook issuance, for example in the case that you have a memory of being told by your family that you were exposed to "black rain" but you do not know yourself whether or not you were exposed to "black rain," please consult with the contact people stated on the reverse side of this document.

~ The "black rain" of Hiroshima ~

The "black rain" caused by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima is recorded in the following way in the Record of the Hiroshima A-bomb War Disaster.

Sudden showers (black rain)

On the day of the bombing, enormous, tower-shaped cumulonimbus clouds developed all day. Those dark clouds moved one-by-one in the north-northwest direction from 20 minutes to 30 minutes after the explosion, and the "sudden shower phenomenon" occurred from about 9am to 4pm.

The sudden showers (rain showers) were light in the city center, and a heavy downpour in the western areas (in the Koi and Takasu direction) and northern areas (in the Kabe direction).

Requirement (ii) Having certain diseases which are accompanied by impairment

- It must be possible to confirm that you have any of the 11 types of certain diseases which are accompanied by impairment.
- * We will examine whether or not you have certain diseases which are accompanied by impairment (excluding diseases which were clearly not due to the impact of radiation from the atomic bomb) based on the submitted medical certificate.

◇ 11 types of certain diseases which are accompanied by impairment

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Diseases accompanied by hematopoietic function impairment
Aplastic anemia, iron-deficiency anemia, etc. (ii) Diseases accompanied by liver function impairment
Cirrhosis of the liver, etc. (iii) Diseases accompanied by cell proliferation function impairment
Malignant neoplasm, etc. (iv) Diseases accompanied by endocrine gland function impairment
Diabetes, hypothyroidism, etc. (v) Diseases accompanied by cerebral blood vessel impairment
Subarachnoid bleeding, cerebral bleed, cerebral infarction, etc. (vi) Diseases accompanied by cardiovascular function impairment
Hypertensive heart disease, chronic ischemic heart disease, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vii) Diseases accompanied by kidney function impairment
Chronic nephritis, chronic kidney failure, etc. (viii) Diseases accompanied by visual function impairment due to clouding of the lens
Cataracts In the case that a person has a surgical history of cataracts (has implanted an intraocular lens) they are considered to have cataracts. (ix) Diseases accompanied by respiration function impairment
Emphysema, chronic interstitial pneumonia, pulmonary fibrosis, etc. (x) Diseases accompanied by motor organ function impairment
Osteoarthritis, spondylosis deformans, etc. (xi) Diseases accompanied by digestive organ function impairment due to ulcers
Gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, etc. |
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Steps in the Procedure

Receipt of application

Applications for issuance of health handbooks for atomic bomb survivors are received in the embassies, etc. established in the region where you live. The received application forms are sent to Hiroshima Prefecture (Hiroshima City in the case of people who were exposed to "black rain" inside the current Hiroshima City).

- Identity confirmation is carried out in the embassies, etc.
- The following relevant documents must be attached to the application.
 - Documents containing facts about your exposure to the "black rain" (documents showing your place of residence, school, workplace, etc.)
 - A Medical certificate (for healthcare allowances) (a medical certificate which can confirm that you have certain diseases which are accompanied by impairment)
- Applications can be received even before the operation commencement date (April 1, 2022).
- You may be asked to submit additional materials or attend an interview, as necessary.

Examination

Hiroshima Prefecture (Hiroshima City in the case of people who were exposed to "black rain" inside the current Hiroshima City) examines whether or not the application content satisfies the requirements.

- A certain amount of time is required for the examination in order to confirm the application content.

Result

Hiroshima Prefecture (Hiroshima City in the case of people who were exposed to "black rain" inside the current Hiroshima City) will notify the applicant of the examination result via the embassy, etc. and will issue a health handbook for atomic bomb survivors to those people who satisfy the requirements.

- In the case that the application is made by March 31, 2022, it will take effect from the operation commencement date (April 1, 2022).

■ Making the application for healthcare allowances simultaneously is allowed.

- The people eligible to receive the payment are people who currently have certain diseases which are accompanied by impairment (excluding the case of people with a surgical history of cataracts (who have implanted an intraocular lens) only).
- A certification examination of the application content will be implemented. (A certain amount of time is required for the examination.)
- In the case that you make an application for the allowance **by the last day of April 2022, the allowance for May 2022 will be the first paid.**
- In the case that you made simultaneous applications and attached a medical certificate to the application form for the healthcare allowances, attachment of a medical certificate to the application form for the issuance of a health handbook for atomic bomb survivors is not necessary.

Application recipient and contact people

■ Application recipient

Application forms are received at the embassies, etc. established in the region where you live.

*After receipt, the application forms are sent to Hiroshima Prefecture (Hiroshima City in the case of people who were exposed to "black rain" inside the current Hiroshima City).

■ Contact people

People who were exposed to "black rain" inside the current Hiroshima City > **Hiroshima City (Relief Division, Atomic Bomb Survivors Relief Department)**

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