

## Grace period for Pension payment

What is Grace period for social insurance payment?

If you are in hard to pay pension, insurance, tax, and utility bills, you can apply to exemption or extension to pay.

- Pension

If you meet one of the following conditions, and are temporarily having difficulty paying employee pension premium etc., the grace period for payment may be approved if you make a request to the head of the regional bureau of health and welfare through the jurisdictional pension office.

- ① Your asset is damaged by a disaster, or is stolen
- ② A business owner or the owner's family member contracts an illness or is injured
- ③ The business shuts down or is suspended
- ④ A significant loss has been incurred by the business

\* To make use of the grace period system, you must submit an application to a pension office. For details, please consult your nearest pension office.

How to apply

1. Access to the website of the Japan Pension Service <

<https://www.nenkin.go.jp/international/japanese-system/nationalpension/nationalpension.html> >

2. Download the document <

<https://www.nenkin.go.jp/shinsei/kokunen/kokunen.files/0301.pdf> > (only in Japanese)

3. Prepare the other documents

- Pension notebook or basic pension number notification
- Documents certifying income for the previous year (or two years before) (In principle, it is not necessary to attach documents certifying income)
- Income tax return (if you have not filed a tax return on your income)
- A copy of the employment insurance eligibility certificate or a copy of the employment insurance insured person's turnover slip, etc.