

# Types of Approved Classification

Upon applying for access to kindergarten and nursery school services, you must receive a letter of 'Certificate of Approved Classification for Education and Childcare' from the city in accordance with your child's early education and childcare needs. Depending on your type of approved classification, the kinds of childcare facilities and services you are eligible to use may vary.

## (1) Facility types

Kindergartens	Provide early childhood education to build a foundation for primary school level education
Nursery Schools	Provide childcare services to those who are unable to care for their child at home due to work commitments, etc.
Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care ※1	Provide integrated education and childcare services
Small-scale Childcare Services	Provide childcare in an environment similar to that of a family-style daycare (6-19 children)

※1 Tamagawa Kindergarten is classified as a Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care

## (2) Types of Approved Classification

Classifications	Targets	Applicable facilities
Group 1	Children aged 3 and up, who have yet to begin primary school (excl. group 2)	Kindergartens(※1), Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care
Group 2 ※2	Children aged 3 and up who require childcare due to the circumstances of their guardians (work, sickness, etc.)	Nursery Schools, Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care
Group 3	Children aged 2 years and below who require childcare due to the circumstances of their guardians (work, sickness, etc.)	Nursery Schools, Small-scale childcare services, Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care

※2 The applicant must have one of the following reasons for requiring childcare.

- ① Permanent employment outside the home, or permanent employment inside the home (excl. housework) in the case that it requires the guardian to be away from their child. (Minimum of 64 hours per month)
- ② Pregnancy or recent childbirth (covering 2 months before and 2 months after the birth month)
- ③ Guardians are suffering poor health - sickness and/or injury, or mental/physical disability
- ④ Nursing or caring for a sick or mentally/physically disabled relative (who lives in the same household) for an extended period
- ⑤ Restoration after a disaster (earthquake, fire, flood, etc.)
- ⑥ Job-seeking activities (proof of employment must be submitted within 3 months of admission, otherwise childcare services will be revoked)
- ⑦ Schooling during the day (incl. vocational training at a vocational training school, etc.)
- ⑧ A situation similar to one of the aforementioned circumstances

★For those applying for group 1 childcare services

Those who wish to apply to group 1 childcare facilities, such as Kindergartens (※<sub>1</sub>) and the Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care, will need to turn in their application documents directly to their desired facility. Following admission approval by the designated childcare facility, the Matsudo City Childcare Division will issue you a ‘Certificate of Approved Group 1 Classification for Education and Childcare.’ Please submit the following necessary documents afterwards.

★ For those applying for group 2 or 3 childcare services

Those who qualify for groups 2 or 3 will receive further classification depending on the amount of childcare their circumstances demand - ‘Standard Time Childcare’ or ‘Short-Time Childcare’ .

● Further classifications

Classifications	Childcare hours /day	Requirements (for parents)
Standard Time	Max. of 11 hours	Work over 120 hours per month
Short Time	Max. of 8 hours	Work between 64 and 120 hours per month

※Hours exceeding the ‘Childcare hours /day’ quota will be considered Extended Childcare Hours.

※ **The precise procedures vary slightly between different municipalities and facilities. Be sure to consult and confirm with your municipality of residence for exact details.**

Referenced from *Guide to Nursery School Admissions Matsudo City(2020)*

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