# After giving birth



# **Required procedures**

- (1) Receive a Birth Certificate (Shussei Shomei-sho) (this is the same form as the Report of a Birth [Shussei Todoke Sho]) from either the doctor or midwife.
- (2) Within 14 days including the birth date, bring the Maternity and Child Health Handbook (Boshi Kenko Techo), nationality certificates of the parents (e.g. passports, if parents are both foreign nationals) and a document to prove the marriage (if parents are both foreign nationals) to the City Hall (Shiyakusho), Branch Office, Citizens' Service Center or ACTA Nishinomiya Civic Service station and report the birth. At that time, receive a Proof of the Report of a Birth (Shussei Todoke Kisai Jiko Shomei-sho)
- (3) Within 30 days (of the birth), apply for a status of residence (for the child) at the Immigration Bureau. However, if you intend to leave the country within 60 days, this is not necessary.

### **Enquiries and Applications**

Nishinomiya City Hall, Citizens Civic Affairs Division Resident Record Desk	0798-35-3104
(Nishinomiya Shiyakusho, Shimin-ka, Juminkiroku Tanto)	
Nishinomiya City Hall, Citizens Civic Affairs Division Family Register Report Desk	0798-35-3128
(Nishinomiya Shiyakusho, Shimin-ka, Koseki Tanto)	
Foreign Residents Information Center	0570-013904
(When calling from IP phone, overseas	03-5796-7112)

## Health insurance and birth expenses

Normal births are not covered by health insurance and considerable expenses are involved. If you are insured by the health insurance scheme, you will be provided with a lump-sum birth allowance upon delivery. By using the direct payment system, it is possible for the health insurance association to reimburse the lump-sum birth allowance directly to the hospital. Please inquire to the hospital if you'd like to use this direct payment system. If you do not wish to use the direct payment system, apply to the health insurance association.

**Enquiries** (If you have joined the National Health Insurance Scheme) Nishinomiya City Hall, National Health Insurance Division 0798-35-3120 (Nishinomiya Shiyakusho, Kokumin Kenko Hoken Ka)

## **Reduction of National Health Insurance Premium**

When someone who is a member of the National Health Insurance gives birth, it is possible to apply for the reduction of National Health Insurance Premium. For application, please bring a document such as the maternal and child health handbook which has the information on the delivery date (or the due date) and whether it is a single birth or multiple birth.

### Enquiries

Nishinomiya City Hall National Health Insurance Division 0798-35-3117

Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.