

Hyogo Prefecture Partnership System

Starting April 1, 2024

What is the Hyogo Prefecture Partnership System?

- This system is designed for two people who recognize each other as life partners to notify the prefectural government of their commitment to continuously cooperate with each other in their daily lives and for the prefectural government to certify that the notification has been accepted by issuing a Certificate of Acceptance.
- It aims to help solve daily problems and concerns of same-sex couples whose marriages are not legally recognized in Japan and common-law couples who have not registered their marriages for various reasons and to create an environment where everyone can live in peace and security in cooperation with their life partners.

*Unlike legal marriage, this system has no legal effect and benefits such as inheritance, tax deductions, etc. will not be granted to couples.

Examples of daily problems and concerns

- When your partner or their child (parent) is hospitalized, you are denied permission to see them or be informed of their condition. You are also denied to perform their emergency hospitalization procedures or accompany them.
- You cannot move into public housing with your partner, who is not a legal relative of yours.
- You are denied permission to visit or accompany your partner's parent in a nursing home or other facility.
- You feel that your relationship with your partner is not accepted or rejected by the community.
- When you drop off or pick up your partner's child at daycare or attend events with the child, people do not understand your relationship with the child.

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氏名 (年 月 日生) 氏名 (年 月 日生)

届出日 年 月 日

交付番号 第 号 兵庫県知事 印

C: Hyogo prefectural flower "Nojigiku (wild chrysanthemum)"

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B: Hyogo's mascot "Habatan"

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 兵庫県マスコット はばたん

[Back side] Name of child(ren), parent(s), etc., may be listed here

カードの提示を受けた皆様へ

このカードは、お二人が互いを人生のパートナーとして認め合い相互に協力し合う関係にある旨の届出を本県が受理したことを証明するものです。提示を受けた方はその趣旨を十分ご理解くださいますようお願いいたします。また、個人情報をご本人の同意なく口外しないでください。

【特記事項】
 (通称名を記載している場合の戸籍上の氏名)

【本人】 (本人) 【パートナー】 (パートナー)

氏名 氏名

(届出者の近親者)

続柄 氏名 ()
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*Upon request, the names of the child(ren), parent(s), and others who share the same household finances may be listed on the Certificate of Acceptance.

Eligibility

- (1) Both individuals must be legal adults (18 years of age or older).
- (2) One or both individuals must be a resident of Hyogo Prefecture or be planning to move in.
- (3) Neither individual has a spouse under the Civil Code.
- (4) Neither individual is in a partnership relationship with any other individuals.
- (5) The two individuals are not close relatives, between whom the Civil Code prohibits marriage (excluding cases of adoption based on partnership relationship).

*All nationalities are eligible.

*All genders, sexual orientations, and gender identities are eligible. This system is intended for same-sex couples and heterosexual couples who have not registered their marriage.

How to use this system: Please submit the designated notification form along with items (1) through (4).

Documents may be submitted electronically, by mail, or in person.

[Required documents]

- (1) Document confirming your address (copy of resident record, certificate of items stated in resident record, etc.)
- (2) Document confirming that you are not married (abridged copy of family register, single certificate, etc.)
- (3) Document confirming your identity ("My Number Card (individual number card)," driver's license, etc.)
- (4) Photo of the person submitting the notification (taken within the last three months) *Not required if you bring the documents in person.



Please scan here for more information.

*If you wish to include the name of child(ren), parent(s), etc., or use your common name on the certificate, additional documentation is required.

By presenting the Certificate of services are also available. Acceptance, administrative services (moving into public housing, visits to public hospitals, etc.) will be more readily available. Some private

Please refer to the Hyogo Prefecture website for details.

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Hyogo Prefecture LGBT
Telephone Counseling

Professional staff from sexual minority support groups are available to provide counseling on matters such as sexual orientation, gender identity, and SOGIE harassment.

Telephone number **050-3637-7521**
(Consultation is free of charge, but callers are responsible for call charges.)

Date
and
time

18:00 to 21:00 on Saturdays
(excluding year-end and New Year holidays)

Contact information

5-10-1 Shimoyamate-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe 650-8567
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Community & Civic Engagement Department, Hyogo Prefecture
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