

Individual Number Card (“My Number Card”)

Overview and current situation of the Individual Number (My Number) System

1. Numbering, using, and information sharing of My Number

- ① Since October 2015, every resident in Japan has been assigned My Number : a 12-digit number created and reported when a Certificate of Residence is registered. There is no need for residents to take any action to obtain their My Number.
- ② Starting January 2016, My Numbers are used for work-related procedures in the areas of social security, taxation, and disaster response. The use of My Numbers is stipulated by the My Number Act.
- ③ Starting November 2017, personal information is exchanged between administrative organs and other organizations under a special network system based on the My Number Act. As a result, citizens may no longer need to submit various accompanying documents, such as Certificates of Residence and Certificates of Tax, when performing various procedures.
- ④ To use an My Number, identity verification (number and identity confirmation) is required. There are rules related to acquisition, use, provision, storage, safety management, and more. Additionally, the collection and storage of My Numbers for purposes other than those stipulated by the My Number Act are prohibited.
- ⑤ Corporate Numbers are 13-digit numbers that anyone can use freely.

Overview and current situation of the My Number System (2)

2. "My Number Card"

- ① Once you receive your My Number notification, you can apply for a card with your facial photo.
- ② This "My Number Card" can be used for identity verification and confirmation of your existence.
- ③ The card is equipped with IC chips that allow for electronic authentication without using My Numbers. The card can be used for various public and private purposes.

In January 2016, the issuance of the cards started, and measures were taken to encourage their spread and utilization.

As of October 1, 2023, there have been 97,468,481 cumulative applications, which is a ratio of 77.4% of the population.



3. Mynportal

- ① Mynportal is a website that allows individuals to check how their My Number information is exchanged between administrative organs and to confirm the information itself.
- ② It also provides various notices and services for public and private procedures. The website started full-scale operations in November 2017.

Information sharing under the My Number System

Under the My Number Act, a special network system is used to facilitate the exchange of personal information between administrative organizations and other entities. This allows various documents like Certificates of Residence and Certificates of Tax to be omitted when performing various procedures.

Overview of information sharing

Certificate of Residence-related information (information other than the 4 basic types of information indicated on Certificates of Residence such as address, name, date of birth, and gender)

→Residents no longer need to obtain a Certificate of Residence when applying for

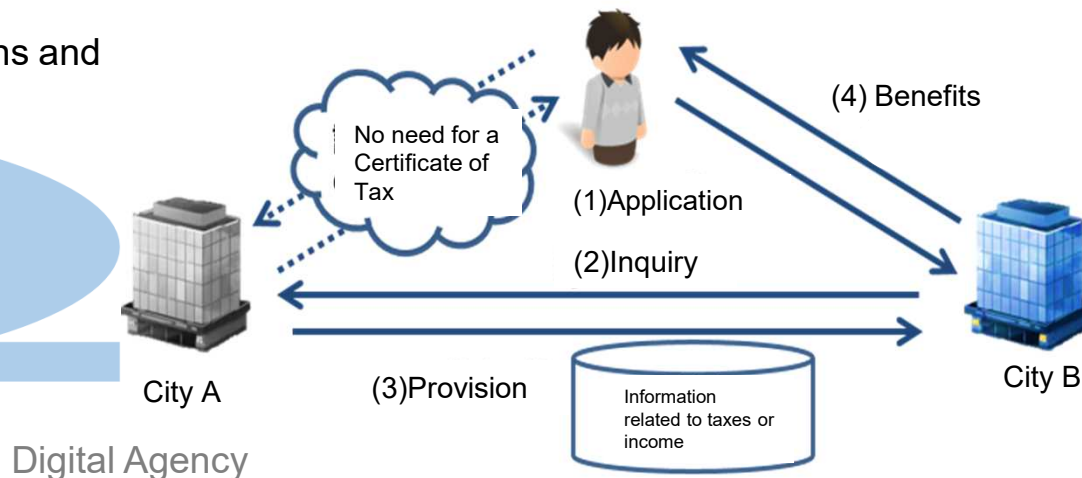
- Childcare allowance payment
- Insurance benefit payment, etc.

Information related to resident taxes or income used as the basis for calculating such taxes

→Residents no longer need to submit Certificate of Tax or others when applying for

- Child allowance payment
- Long-term care insurance premium reductions and exemptions, etc.

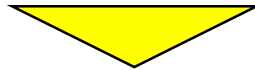
For instance, if you have moved from City A to City B and need to apply for a child allowance, you can do so without obtaining a new Certificate of Residence or Certificate of Tax.



Ensuring the safety and security of the My Number System

Concerns of citizens regarding the use of My Numbers:

- Is there a risk of using My Numbers to **track personal data** and identify individuals?
- Does the unauthorized use of My Numbers, such as **impersonation**, result in property damage or other types of harm?
- Does the government use My Numbers as a key to identify names and **centrally manage** personal information?



Protection of personal information ensured by institutional measures

1. Institutional measures include identity verification and prohibition of collection and storage of personal information that includes My Numbers
2. Creation of the specific personal information files stipulated by the My Number Act
3. Monitoring and supervision by the Personal Information Protection Commission
4. Evaluation of the protection of specific personal information is also conducted
5. Stricter penalties are imposed
6. Confirming records, including the provision of information via Mynportal

Protection of personal information ensured by institutional measures

1. Systematic measures involve decentralized management of personal information
2. Instead of using My Numbers, codes are used for information sharing
3. Access control is used to restrict and manage who can access personal information
4. Communications are encrypted to ensure security



A New Era of Identity Verification with Your “My Number Card”

In-Person identity verification

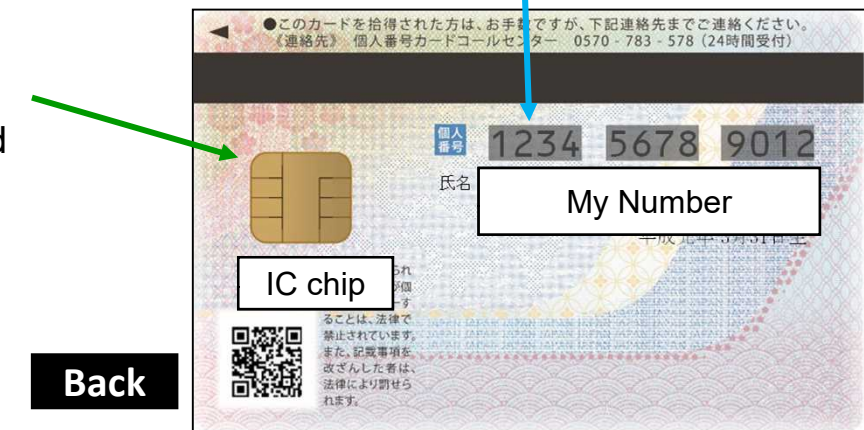
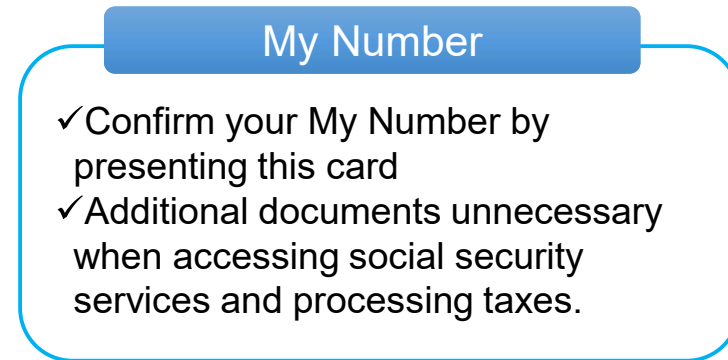
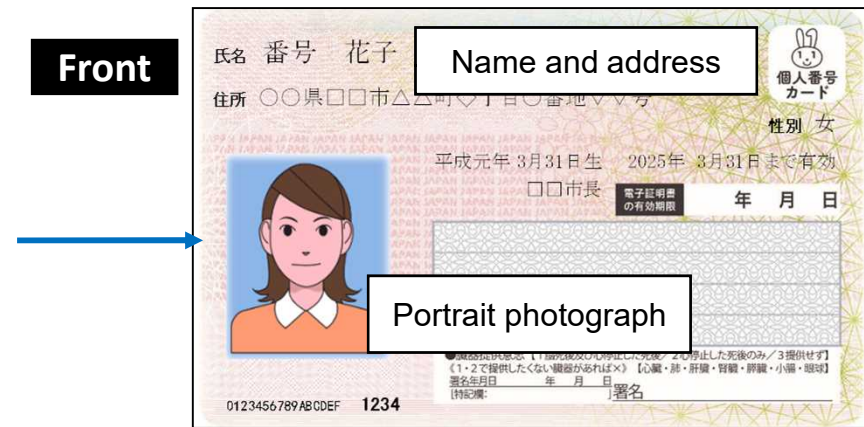
Use as an identity verification tool

- ✓ Identity confirmation at municipalities
- ✓ Photograph helps prevent identity fraud
- ✓ Can verify your identity in official and personal business

Electronic identity verification

- ✓ One can safely and securely verify their identity online using an electronic certificate, which facilitates online processing on computers and smartphones.
- ✓ Available to obtain copies of residence certificates and other important documents at convenience stores across the country.
- ✓ Earn My Number points and use as a health insurance card
- ✓ In the future, AI and other technological advancements will be utilized to enhance identity verification processes. This will make it a necessary tool in the **Society 5.0 era**.

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Safely Use Your "My Number Card"

Prevents identity fraud

Photograph prevents in-person attempts at identity fraud



High-Level Security

• Stop access anytime of the year in the event of loss or theft

• Set your security code on an app, which locks access after numerous, unsuccessful attempts

• IC chip breaks during unauthorized attempts to access information



No personal data recorded

The IC chip does not contain confidential information such as tax and pension details.

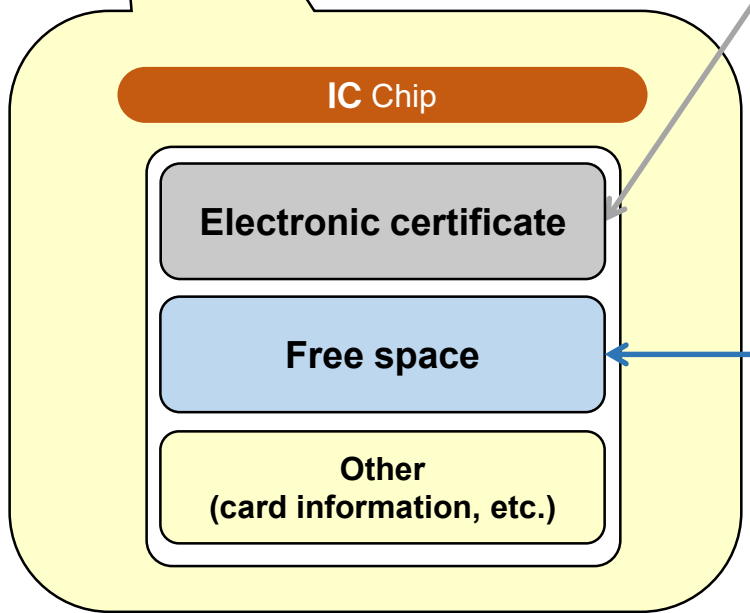
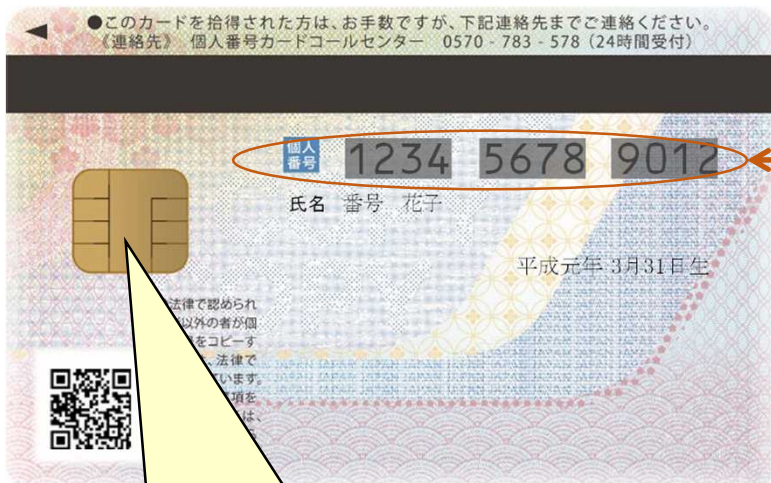
Use the Card's electronic certificate online, not your My Number



No personal data can be extracted from My Number.

“My Number” and “My Number Card”

Back-Side of "My Number Card"



① My Number

- Your My Number can only be used for government matters relating to social security, taxation or disaster prevention, and for purposes specified by local government regulations.
- The entities that can use your My Number are limited to those stipulated by law. These include government agencies and employers. Entities that do not have access to the number cannot collect and store your My Number.

Use Restricted by Laws and Ordinances

② Electronic Certificate (Electronic Signature, Electronic User Verification)

- In addition to government procedures (e.g., e-Tax, printing of official documents at convenience stores), "My Number Card" can be used to access private services as determined by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Various Uses in Public and Private Sectors

③ Free Space

- Municipalities and prefectures can regulate use according to local ordinances, while the national government can regulate use according to regulations set by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications. (ie., use as a stamp registration card and ID card for government employees)
- Private companies may accept "My Number Card" in accordance with regulations issued by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Various Uses in Public and Private Sectors

Making the "My Number Card" More Versatile

I Online Government Services

Creating infrastructure for residents to send online applications to local municipalities

Municipalities can send announcements to residents

⇒ **Create a society, based on the "My Number Card", where you can access services online.**

① **Moving**

② **Child-care · Nursing · Disasters**

③ **Simplify Tax Returns**

④ **Other Procedures**

II Citizen Card Use

Supported by "Digital Garden City Initiative" grants

Promoting "My Number Card" use without a security PIN

Listen to the needs of residents. Propose merits and recommend uses

→ **Create a society that provides various governmental services with "My Number Card"**

※ **Working to provide opportunities for utilizing your "My Number Card" as a health insurance card, driving license, proof of residence, and for obtaining various qualifications.**

① **Library Card, Seal registration**

② **Convenience store issuance service**

③ **Employee Card**

④ **Other Uses**

III Safe and Convenient Identity Verification for Private Services

Electronic certificate usage is free for 3 years.

Promote the use of "My Number Card" without a security PIN.

Listen to the requirements of companies, propose the benefits, and suggest appropriate applications.

→ **Plan to expand situations for "My Number Card" use in the private sector**

→ **Aim to include various private services, such as opening of bank accounts and completing life insurance contract agreements to "My Number Card".**

JPKI (Japanese Public Key Infrastructure)

- The "My Number Card", with the electronic certificate on its IC chip, enables secure and dependable identity verification, thereby minimizing the risk of identity fraud and counterfeiting.

< Example of opening a bank account >

【Before】 Confirm identity in person or submit identity verification documents by mail.

Fill in the documents and submit them to the bank or send identity verification documents by mail.



It takes time and money!

< Merits of using JPKI >

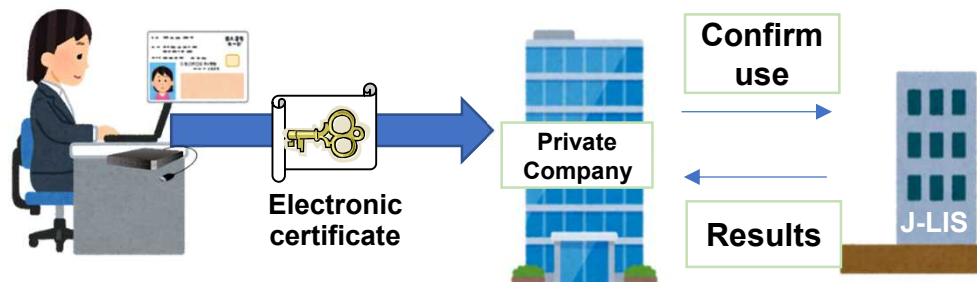
Speedy and inexpensive registration for customers (opening accounts)

Can check if the personal information has been updated or transferred.

Reliable user confirmation (Higher-level security than a simple ID/PW log-in)

An alternative to privately issues members cards.

【Improved】 Japanese Public Key Infrastructure - Identity Verification Online



Speedy and inexpensive!

Put the "My Number Card" through a document reader

Electronic Certificates on Your Smartphone

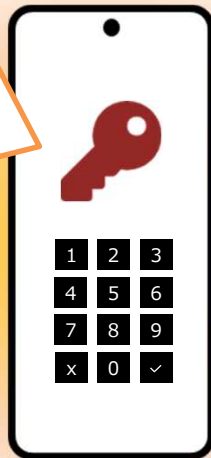
- By implementing smartphone electronic certificates, we enable seamless online administrative procedures to take place at any time and from any location.
- Our objective is to enhance the flexibility and accessibility of the Japanese Public Key Infrastructure, making electronic certificates on smartphones indispensable in everyday life, thereby advancing secure identity verification. [This service is now available on Android phones \(launched 11 May 2023\).](#)



(Before)
Scan your "My Number Card" on
mobiles and IC card readers.



Enhance
convenience of
smartphone with
biometric verification



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Smartphone support will be gradually extended to the listed services.

Use of Mynaportal



Childrearing support



Moving



Tax returns



Medicine and medical checkup information



Maternal and Child Health Handbook



Vaccinations

Applications and usage of various private services



Banking and Securities, Account opening



Applying for mobile phones



Cashless payment application

Others



Convenience store printing



Health insurance card