

“Ability Up” Financial Support Program

The prefecture will provide a financial subsidy for people who succeed in getting a license or passing a training course designated by the prefecture.

1. Who is eligible for this program?

Applicants must meet all the requirements below to be eligible for the financial subsidy:

Be a resident of Mie

Be between the ages of 18 and 64.

Be registered with Hello Work, and actively engaged in job hunting

Be currently unemployed

Have the desire to use the acquired qualification and work right away.

Each applicant may only use the subsidy on ONE license/course.

2. Licenses/Courses eligible for the financial subsidy.

<u>Name of License/Course</u>	<u>Maximum Amount of Financial Subsidy</u>
Large-sized Vehicle License Class 1	¥185,000
Large-sized Vehicle License Class 2	¥171,000
Special Large-sized Vehicle License	¥47,000
Regular Driver License – Class 2	¥122,000
Tow Truck – Class 1 License	¥75,000
Forklift Operator Training Course	¥ 13,000
Small Portable Crane Operator Training Course	¥11,000
Bucket Truck/Van Training Course	¥17,000
Mid-Sized Vehicle Class 1 License	¥95,000
Mid-Sized Vehicle Class 2 License	¥186,000

For those who are successful in acquiring any of the above licenses or passing the training courses, the prefecture will pay 50 percent of any course fees to the driving school. Recipients are limited to receiving the subsidy for one license/course only. As the amount listed represents the maximum, there are some cases where the prefecture will not be able to pay 50% of the costs, (i.e. people who take the course more than once).

3. How to Apply

Fill in the necessary details on the application form and submit it with the required documents. For more detailed information please refer to the handout. Note: To be eligible for the financial subsidy, applicants must apply first to our office, and receive confirmation that they are eligible for the subsidy before they take any courses. This program is available until April of 2010, however, once the number of allotted spots has been filled it will no longer be offered.

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Information on Financial Subsidy Program (In Japanese)

<http://www.pref.mie.jp/TOPICS/200905051110.pdf>

Application Form (In Japanese)

<http://www.pref.mie.jp/TOPICS/200905051111.pdf>