

1 What is the Number System?

The Number System is a new infrastructure that promotes government efficiency and citizens' convenience and achieves a fairer society.

The Number System is a new social infrastructure that assigns a unique Number (called an "Individual Number") to each citizen and enables the government to correctly share personal information among different entities.

Achieve a fairer society

The Number System enables the government to provide more-detailed support for those who truly need help by accessing accurate information on income and the status of other benefits, preventing free riders from escaping burdens, and reducing redundant benefits.



Promote government efficiency

The Number System trims waste in government such as redundant works by sharing information among multiple tasks. In sum, it drastically eliminates much of the time and work needed to match, transfer, and enter information in the government system.

More convenient administrative procedures

The Number System reduces citizens' burden because it simplifies administrative procedures, such as reducing the number of attached documents. Furthermore, it enables citizens to confirm information that the government has about them and to receive notices about a variety of government services.

The Individual Number will be assigned to all citizens who have the Resident Record.

* The notification of Individual Numbers will begin in October 2015.

- The Individual Number (a unique series of 12 digits) will be notified when citizens have the Resident Record.
- The Individual Number notification card will be sent to citizens from the municipality of the residence.
- Citizens should take care while handling the Individual Number to prevent misuse by other people.
- The Individual Number may be changed on request of citizens or ex officio when leakage or misuse of the Individual Number is likely to occur.

Individual Numbers will be used in administrative procedures related to social security, taxation, and disaster management.

* Use of the Individual Numbers will begin in January 2016.

- Individual Numbers will help reduce your burden. For example, officials will be able to correctly match your information in different fields such as income and pension by using Individual Numbers. It not only simplifies administrative paperwork and procedures but also helps achieve both administrative efficiency, and will lead to fair distribution of benefits.
- Individual Numbers may be used only for administrative procedures related to social security, taxation, and disaster management, which are specified by the Number Use Act.

Social Security

Pension insurance qualification, confirmation, and payments
Public Employment Security Offices
Collection of medical insurance premiums
Social welfare payments and public assistance

Taxation

Stating Individual Numbers on the final income tax return forms, written notices, and written statements submitted to tax offices.

Disaster Management

Payment of funding for rebuilding the livelihood of disaster victims
Affairs related to creating the Disaster Victim Register

The government will create a more-detailed social security system corresponding to income expeditiously by sharing information in medical care/pension/nursing care fields with income information. This is because the Number System enables the government to correctly match varieties of information such as income information.

The Individual Numbers will be helpful in disaster management. They avail to support disaster victims expeditiously just after a disaster occurs.