



# Ichikawa City Partnership and Familyship

## Notification System ICHIKAWA CITY Partnership & Familyship

Ichikawa City initiates the Partnership & Familyship Notification System in order to build a society in which everyone's human rights will be respected and everyone can live just the way they are regardless of their gender identity and sexual orientation.



### What is Ichikawa City Partnership and Familyship Notification System?

Under this system, whether same sex or different sex, (e.g. same-sex couples, common-law marriage) partners who have pledged to cooperate with each other in their daily lives as each other's life partners, can notify the partnership to the city.

If the partners have minor child(ren), it can also be notified (Familyship).

Unlike a marriage under the civil code, this system shall not ensure any legal effect (e.g. inheritance, tax deduction). Still the city supports everyone who wishes to live true to oneself with a valuable partner or family.

#### Partnership

The term refers to a social and living relationship between two people who pledged to cooperate with each other in the income, living and spirit in their daily life.

#### Familyship

The term refers to a social and living relationship of the Partnership people and minor child(ren) of one or both of them.

To the residents and the local business



Let's aim for a society in which everyone can live true to oneself!

It is meaningful for all to aim for a society in which understanding of diversity is promoted and everyone can live true to oneself without discrimination and prejudice.

We request you to understand the purpose of this system and cooperate to make full use of this system.



Worries of the people for whom this system is intended

- 1 It is difficult to explain to other people about their relationship.
- 2 It is difficult for same-sex couples to rent their house.
- 3 They will not be treated as a relative if anything unexpected should happen to the partner.



## ✓ Requirements of notification

A person who wishes to notify should meet all the following requirements.

- ✓ Both parties must be adults.
- ✓ Both parties or one party must live in Ichikawa City or are/is scheduled to move into Ichikawa City.
- ✓ Both parties must not be married.
- ✓ Both parties must not be in a relationship of partnership with others.
- ✓ Both parties must not be in a family relationship (e.g. near relative) in which marriage is disallowed under civil law.
  - ※ However, if the parties became relatives due to adoption and are same-sex couples, they are able to notify the Partnership.
- ✓ In case of the Familyship, one or both parties should have minor child(ren).



## ✓ Required documents



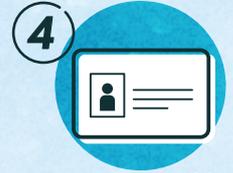
Notification form of Partnership and/or Familyship



Copy of the Resident Register



e.g. Certificate of all matters entered in the family registered

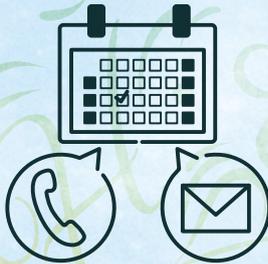


Documents enabling confirmation of identity (e.g., driver's license)

※ If both parties are not yet living in Ichikawa City at the time of notification, please present documents to confirm the planning on moving in.

## ✓ Flow of procedures

### 1 Appointment for the notification date



- Please contact us by phone or e-mail for an appointment by five days prior in general (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and the year-end and New Year's holidays) to the desired date of the notification.

#### Reception time for appointment

From 8:45 a.m. until 5:15 p.m.

(excluding Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and the year-end and New Year's holidays)

- ※ Appointment request by e-mail is available 24 hours. E-mail requests received outside reception time will be responded next day or later.

### 2 Submit the notification form



- On the day of the appointment, the couple is requested to come to the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of Ichikawa City Gender Equality Center (Danjyo Kyodo Sankaku Center) with required documents.
  - ※ It is desirable that both of the couple come together. If it is not possible, even one person can perform the procedures.

- Our staff will confirm personal identity, necessary documents and requirements for the notification.

### 3 Issue of certificate of the notification acceptance



- Certificate of the notification acceptance and Certification Card of the notification acceptance will be issued by our staff.

※ The issuance procedure takes about 60 minutes after the acceptance of the notification.

※ There may be times that the certificate will not be issued on the same day due to confirmation procedures of the requirements.

If you are short of time on the day, the certification documents will be delivered later by hand or by post.

If you wish to have the documents later by hand, the delivery date will be arranged at the notification.

If you wish to have the documents later by post, please bring an addressed and stamped envelope at the notification.

## Reservation and Inquiry



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For more details about the system as procedures and necessary documents etc., please refer to the official website of Ichikawa City.

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URL : <https://www.city.ichikawa.lg.jp/gen05/0000388487.html>

