

On June 2008, the “Act on Payment of Relief Benefit for Victims, etc. of Crimes Committed by Aum Shinrikyo” plan, which details the payment of benefits by the State for victims and bereaved families afflicted from criminal acts by Aum Shinrikyo such as the Tokyo subway sarin gas attack, was submitted as legislation in the 169th ordinary session of the Diet. Both Houses unanimously approved/established, and the plan came into effect from 2008/12/18.

Here, an outline of this Act and state of execution are discussed.

Part 1 Outline

1 Purpose

This Act is based on the following:

○ The indiscriminate killing and wounding in the Tokyo subway sarin gas attack, etc. was a heinously grave act of terrorism, and based on this it is unprecedented in the specified large number of people afflicted by the calamity.

○ The people and families who stood up against the process of Aum Shinrikyo building terrorist capabilities fell prey to killing and wounding as inhibitors of the expansion of the cult.

In view of Japan and making its posture clear in its encounter against terrorism by providing relief for victims in the State, this act provides benefit payments to these victims.

2 Benefit for Victims, etc. of Crimes Committed by Aum Shinrikyo

Based on the targeted criminal acts (shown in the following chart) carried out by Aum Shinrikyo:

○ Surviving family members of the deceased

○ Persons with remaining impediments (the surviving family when the person has died not based on such criminal acts)

○ Persons with bearing injury or sickness (same as above)

Payment of Benefit for Victims, etc. of Crime Committed by Aum Shinrikyo will be made from the State (Articles 2 and 3).

〈Targeted criminal acts〉

○ Heinous and further serious terrorist acts carried out under the principles of overthrowing the government of the State

- Matsumoto sarin gas attack (occurred 1994/6/27-28)
- Tokyo subway sarin gas attack (occurred 1995/3/20)

○ Acts that people who stood up against the process of Aum Shinrikyo building terrorist capabilities were sacrificed

- Murder of attorney and his wife and child (occurred 1989/11/4)
- Attempted murder of an attorney using sarin gas (occurred 1994/5/9)
- Attempted murder using VX (occurred 1994/12/2)
- Murder using VX (occurred 1994/12/12)
- Attempted murder using VX (occurred 1995/1/4)
- Capture and confinement causing death of a notary public office head (occurred 1995/2/28-3/1)

3 Amount of Benefit

The following amounts are paid according to the type of damage inflicted on the victim (Article 5-1)

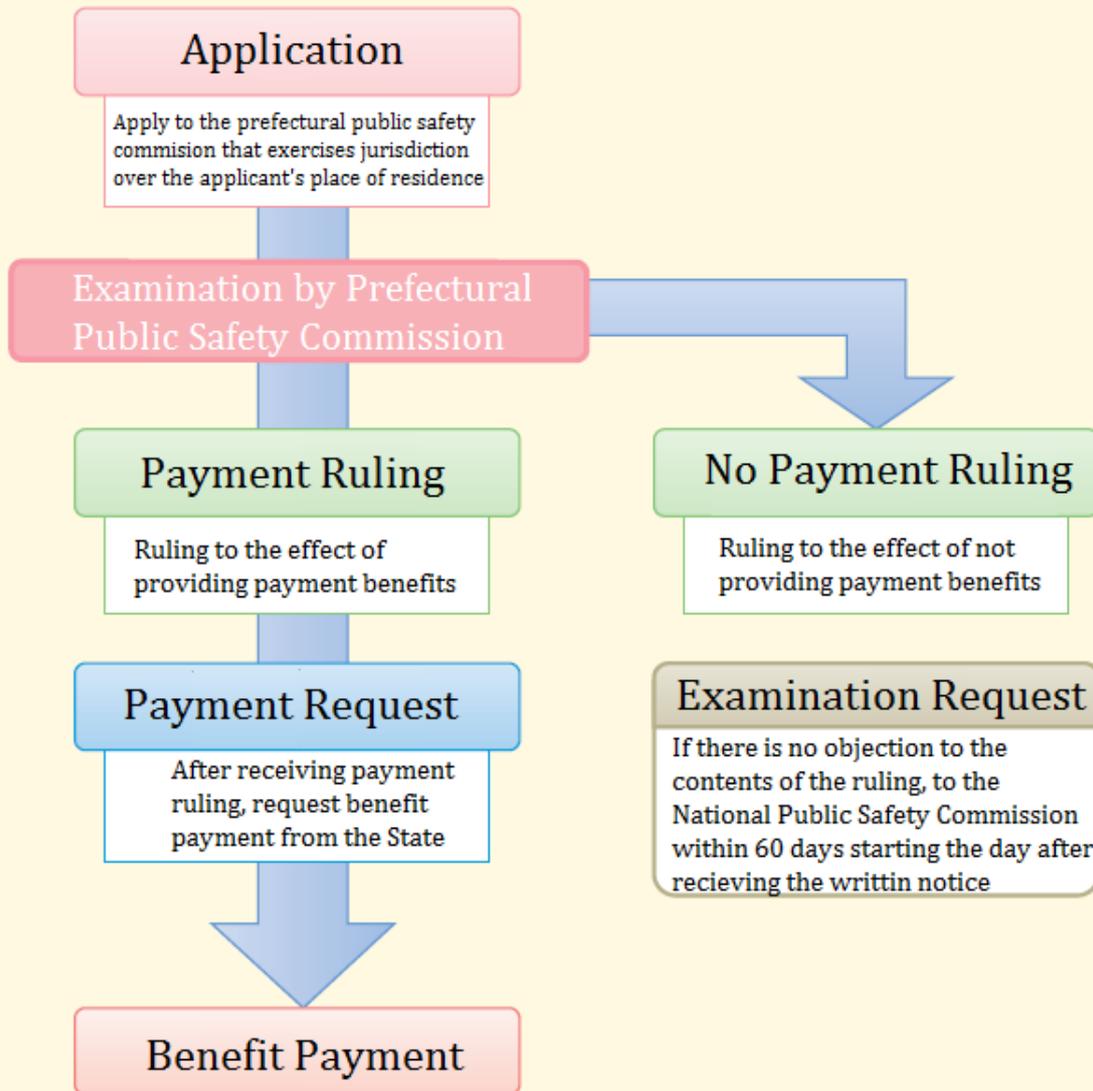
① Death	20 million yen
② Disability (Note)	
A Disability Needing Nursing Care Continuously (Disability Grade 1 or 2, Needing Always or Occasional Nursing Care)	30 million yen
B Severe Disability (Disability Grade 1-3 Excluding A)	20 million yen
C Other Disabilities (Disability Grade 4-14)	Five million yen
③ Injury and Disease (Excluding Those That Bring About Death or Disability)	
D Serious Injury and Disease (Outpatient Medical Treatment for Over One Month)	One million yen
E Injury and Disease Other than Serious Injury and Disease (Outpatient Medical Treatment Over One Day and Less Than One Month)	100,000 yen

(Note) Disability Grade is decided in a appended table of Ordinance for Enforcement of the Act on Payment of Relief Benefit for Victims, etc. of Crimes Committed by Aum Shinrikyo (2008 National Public Safety Commission Regulation #20).

4 Application for Benefit

Persons who try to receive benefit payments make an application to the Prefectural Public Safety Commission, and must receive a ruling from the Public Safety Commission (Article 6-1). Applications are accepted at every Prefectural Police Headquarters or police station.

Process for Payment of Benefit



5 Application Period

The application can be as long as two years from 2008/12/18 (Thursday) to 2010/12/17 (Friday) (Article 6-2 and Article 1 of the Supplementary Provisions). However, when it is not possible to apply within this period based on unavoidable reasons, an application can be made up to within 6 months from the day the reason ceases (Article 6-3).

Part 2 Status of Executing the Act

1 Application/Ruling/Payment Status

As of 2010/2/28, among the approximate 6,600 victims comprehended by the police, app. 97% have been enlightened regarding this system, applications have been received from app. 83%, and the general payment of approximately 2.3 billion yen is being paid to approximately 97% of victims who have applied successfully.

Application · Ruling · Payment Status of Type of Damage (as of February 28th, 2010)

Damage Type (Benefit Amount)	Applied	Ruled	Paid
Death (20 million yen)	25 cases	25 cases	25 cases
Disability	Needed Long-Term Care (30 million yen)	6 cases	4 cases
	Serious (20 million yen)	5 cases	0 cases
	Other (Five million yen)	77 cases	63 cases
Injury and Disease	Serious (One million Yen)	1,196 cases	1,124 cases
	Other (100,000 yen)	4,178 cases	4,091 cases
Total	5,487 cases	5,308 cases	5,003 cases (Sum Total:234,250,000 yen)

*The difference in the number of cases each for application, ruling and payment is during the procedure. The sum total of rulings includes one payment rejection ruling.

2 Well-known Measures

(1) Implementation of every form of PR

Based on widely posting PR posters created in the National Police Agency in city offices, town offices and public facilities, and cooperating private facilities, along with providing PR pamphlets for every Prefectural Police Headquarters, police station, and security office, the public is informed regarding this benefit system. Also, in the prefectural police every form of PR activity, such as distributing pamphlets on the streets and utilizing television and radio spot publicity, is being actively carried out.

(2) Implementation of individual notification

In the National Police Agency, based on the mailing of information and PR pamphlets concerning this benefit system for victims and their families listed in data relating to victims who have received provisions from public offices based on this Act, individual notifications are being carried out regarding this system.

(3) Appeal for applications from prefectural police

As for Prefectural Police, individual visits are made to families of victims who deceased from targeted criminal acts and victims with remaining impediments found in data relating to victims who received provisions from public offices based on this Act, and besides explaining about this benefit system, the appeal is being made for victims who have not applied, for example by phone so that more victims can be given relief from this Act.

Victims of Crimes Committed by Aum Shinrikyo and Bereaved Families may Receive Benefit.

Application Period Until December 17th 2010 (Friday)

(If you are unable to apply within this period for unavoidable reasons, you may apply with 6 months of the date these reasons cease.)

The Following are Eligible for Benefit Payments

Based on criminal acts by Aum Shinrikyo.
(Limited to Tokyo subway sarin gas attack, Masumoto sarin gas attack, and other cases decided in law.)

Surviving Family Members of the Deceased

Persons with Remaining Impediments
(Their families if they are already deceased)

Persons Inflicted with Injury and Disease
(Their families if they are already deceased)

* Note - Please seek consult at your local Prefectural Police Headquarters for specific information regarding benefit payment requirements, application procedures, etc.

Contact for people living in the metropolitan area:

Aum Shinrikyo Crime Victim Counseling Line
03-3581-5220
(Please call weekdays, 8:30 - 17:15)
Metropolitan Police Department
<http://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.jp/>

