

Nishinomiya City Partnership Oath System

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Under this system, Nishinomiya City certifies that a couple, in which one or both are of sexual minority has made an oath to acknowledge each other as life partners and promise to support one another in their daily lives. Foreign nationals living in Japan can also take this oath. A foreign national will not obtain Japanese nationality by submitting this partnership oath system.

(1) A person eligible to take this oath

A person who meets all the following criteria

- ① Both members of the couple have reached the age of majority stated by Civil Code.
- ② Either one or both member of the couple resides or planning to reside in Nishinomiya City.
- ③ Both members of the couple have no spouse. (Includes someone who has not submitted the marriage registration but in a marital relationship in effect.)
- ④ Both members of the couple have not taken the partnership oath with any other persons.
- ⑤ Both members of the couple are not in a relationship prohibited to marry under article 734 or 735 (of Civil Code Act No. **89** of 1896)

(2) Necessary documents

- ① Partnership Oath and Confirmation Letter
- ② Copy of your resident register (issued within 3 months)
If you live outside Nishinomiya City: A copy of the document to prove that you will move to Nishinomiya City (Notification of moving out, purchase and sales contract, lease contract etc.,)
- ③ Document to prove that you are not married.
Japanese: copy of your census register
Foreign nationals: certificate of legal capacity to contract marriage (This is a document to certify that you fulfilled the conditions of marriage. It will be issued by an embassy or a consulate. When this certificate is written in a foreign language, please submit a Japanese translation which has the name of the translator on it.)
- ④ ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)

(3) After taking the oath

- ① The eligibility requirements for entering municipal housing will be lowered.
- ② The eligibility requirements, etc. for the City's support for criminal victims will be lowered.

(4) How to take the oath

Please contact Nishinomiya City Gender Equality Promotion Division at 0798-64-9495 by at least 7 days before the date you wish to take the oath.

(5) Note

This oath system does not create any legal rights or obligations and has no legal force.