

Moriya City Newsletter

(July 2026 Edition)

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Ride the *Moco Bus* (Kōya, Dōchi & Akabokke Loop) for Free this August!

(Original “Koho Moriya”, p. 8)

The Kōya, Dōchi and Akabokke loop *Moco Bus* can be used for free in August. During this period, the regular fare (Adults: 200 yen, children: 100 yen) will be waived. Everyone is welcome to use the service for shopping, medical appointments or getting to the train station.

Detailed route maps and schedules are available on the city’s homepage as well as at City Hall and Moriya public halls. Please also fill out our survey afterwards.

Bus route:

https://www.city.moriya.ibaraki.jp/kurashi_tetsuzuki/koutsu/1002163/1002164/1002166/1002167.html

Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1veJ96jbOSbFzwZO5kkjn8evqopY3zv03rxFI6gk_KN0/viewform?edit_requested=true

Service: Moco Bus (Kōya, Dōchi & Akabokke Loop)

- Start/End Point: Park City Moriya (Mizukino)
 - via Across Mall, Joyful Honda, Aeon Town Moriya, Moriya Station (East Exit), Branch Park Moriya, Higashi Clinic Keiyu, etc.
- Operating Hours: 10:00AM~3:00PM
- No. of Buses: 4 buses each clockwise and counterclockwise

Operating Time:

- weekdays in August (no service on August 11 (Tue))

Contact:

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Subsidy Program for Residential Energy-Saving Equipment

(Original “Koho Moriya”, p. 9)

In order to promote measures against global warming, Moriya City offers subsidies for residents who install energy-saving equipment in their homes. Residents wishing to apply must register for the lottery first.

- **Number of Subsidies:** 30 per category
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must meet criteria A, B and C. For installing lithium-ion storage batteries, applicants must also meet D.

Eligibility Criteria:

A) Applicants must fall under any one of the following categories ①~④:

- ① Individuals who install eligible equipment in a house they own and reside in
- ② Individuals who build a new house* for their own residence and install eligible equipment
- ③ Individuals who purchase a house* with new eligible equipment already installed for their own residence
- ④ Individuals who reside in a house owned by a third party and install eligible equipment with the owner's consent

* Limited to houses built within Moriya City.

B) Applicants must meet all of the following:

- Neither the applicant nor any member of their household has previously received a subsidy from the city for a similar purpose.
- No member of the household is late on city taxes or other payment.

C) Applicants have to begin installation work on or after April 1, 2026, and submit an application along with all necessary documents by Friday, November 27, 2026.

D) Applicants need to have registered for the “Ibaraki Eco Challenge” program administered by Ibaraki Prefecture and must be implementing energy-saving measures in their homes.

There are three types of categories available:

Installation of Solar Energy Systems	Installation of High-Efficiency Water Heaters	Lithium-Ion Battery Storage Systems
		

Lottery Application

Apply via the corresponding QR code, available from July (Fri) until August 12 (Wed).

- * The person applying for the lottery, the applicant for the subsidy and the contract holder of the eligible equipment must be the same person.
- * Lottery results will be sent out in early September via e-mail.
- * If less than 30 applications are received for each kind of subsidy, additional applications will be accepted. Information regarding additional applications will be posted on the city's homepage by early September.

After Being Selected in the Lottery

Complete the application form (available on the city's homepage) between September 14 (Mon) and November 27 (Fri). Applicants have to make sure all required documents are attached before submitting. The application can be submitted online, in person at the service counter (weekdays between 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-16:00), or by mail.

- * For applications sent by mail, we recommend you use a service that provides tracking.
- * Applications submitted on another person's behalf can only be accepted in person or by mail.

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Notice Regarding the 2026 Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums

(Original “Koho Moriya”, p. 15)

Moriya’s long-term care insurance premiums are divided into 15 tiers based on the municipal tax status and income of the insured person and household.

Notices regarding the premium amounts will be mailed in mid-July.

* Please note that it is possible for insured persons to fall into both categories 1 and 2.

Category 1: Persons whose premiums are deducted directly from their pensions (Special Collection)	Category 2: Persons paying premiums via payment notice or direct debit (standard collection)
The “ Notice of Long-Term Care Insurance Premium and Start of Special Collection” will be mailed to you. It specifies the amount to be deducted for each payment month from October through August of next year.	The “ Long-Term Care Insurance Premium Payment Notices” for Periods 1 through 8 will be mailed to you.
Eligibility: Pension recipients receiving 180,000 yen or more per year	Eligibility: • Individuals who have recently turned 65 • Individuals who have moved to Moriya City • Individuals who do not meet the requirements for special collection

Applications and Inquiries:

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Subsidies for Elementary and Junior High School Students Taking Certification Exams

(Original “Koho Moriya”, p. 17)

In order to boost children’s motivation to learn and reinforce their academic skills, Moriya City is expanding the range of certification exams eligible for subsidies. Why not take this opportunity to try taking an exam?

Subsidy Amount:

- half of the exam fee (amounts less than 100 yen are rounded down; no upper limit)
- * If fees vary depending on the test center or testing method, the subsidy will be half of the lowest exam fee.

Number of Applications:

- one per student per fiscal year
- * Example: If a student takes both the English Proficiency Test (*Eiken*) and the TOEIC, only one of them is eligible for the subsidy.

Eligible Test Period:

- Tests taken between April 1, 2026, and March 31, 2027

Application Method:

- Parents or legal guardians must apply via the QR code by March 31 (Wed), 2027

Eligibility:

Elementary and junior high school students residing in Moriya taking one of the following exams. All levels and scores are eligible, including not passing scores:

- Practical English Proficiency Test (*Eiken*)
- TOEIC Listening & Reading Test
- GTEC
- Japanese Kanji Proficiency Test (*Kanken*)
- Practical Mathematics Proficiency Test (*Sūken*)
- Arithmetic and Mathematics Skills Test (Mathematics Proficiency Test)

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