

● Coverage and examination plan

	Screening category	Period	Coverage
First examination	<b>Initial Screening</b> (In order to ascertain children's thyroid status)	Oct. 2011 - March 2014	Residents who were residing in Fukushima Prefecture at the time of the earthquake and were approximately 18 years old or younger (those born from April 2, 1992, to April 1, 2011)
Second examination	<b>Full-scale Screening</b> (In order to make comparison with the results of the Initial Screening)	April 2014 - March 2016	In addition to those covered by the Initial Screening, those born from April 2, 2011, to April 1, 2012
Third examination		April 2016 - March 2018	In principle, those born from April 2, 1992, to April 1, 2012
Fourth examination -		Once every two years until becoming 20 years old, then once every five years after becoming 25 years old, for example, at the ages of 30, 35 and so on	

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Ascertaining the current thyroid status of the relevant group of people even though radiation effects are unlikely to be detected is very important for promoting their health for the long term. Therefore, the Thyroid Examination was conducted for all children in Fukushima Prefecture after the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS over a period of approximately two and a half years from October 2011 (Initial Screening).

Then, in FY2014, the coverage was expanded to include those born from April 2, 2011, to April 1, 2012, and the Full-scale Screening was conducted as the second examination.

From the third examination onward, the targeted people receive examinations once every two years until they become 20 years old and once every five years thereafter.

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