

Information about private early childhood education client fees

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JYVÄSKYLÄ



What are the early childhood education fees and the value of the service voucher based on?

The fees charged for early childhood education services and the value of the service voucher are based on the Act on Customer Fees for Early Childhood Education Services and Section 4 of the Act for Health and Social Services as well as the Act on Service Vouchers in Healthcare and Social Services. The Act includes provisions on how the fees payable by customers for early childhood education and the income on which such fees are based are determined.

Family size

For calculation purposes, a family is deemed to include married and co-habiting unmarried couples and the minor children of both parties living under the same roof.

If the guardians of the child live in different addresses but the early childhood education is provided for the child only in one municipality, the fee will be based on the income of the household, which is the child's official place of residence.

Family income

The income of the household refers to the income of the parents or other guardian of a child using early childhood education services, and that of the spouse or cohabiting partner living in the same household. For the purposes of the calculation, family income includes all taxable and capital income as well as tax-exempt income. If no documentary proof is provided of the holiday bonus for the full tax year, an amount equal to 5% of the monthly income will be added to the total monthly earnings. Children's income may include survivors' pension, interest income, child support or child maintenance. Child support paid to children outside the family and other similar costs arising from actual family circumstances are deducted from the family income for calculation purposes.

The value of the service voucher is based on verifiable or estimated income. If the amount of the service voucher is based on estimated income, it will be re-adjusted based on receipts to be submitted at a later date. If the family fails to report any income, the value of the service voucher will be determined according to the highest municipal fee rate.

An exemption from the co-payment for the service voucher may be granted or its value reduced based on maintenance obligations or considerations related to means of support or custody.

Co-payment for service voucher

The co-payment for the service voucher is based on the family's total gross income.

Family size, income limits, percentage rate and minimum gross income limits for the highest rate:

Family size, no. of people	Income limit €/month	Rate (%)	Minimum gross income limit for the highest rate (EUR)
2	€1,915	11.5	€4,433
3	€1,915	9.4	€4,995
4	€2,053	7.9	€5,718
5	€2,191	7.9	€5,856
6	€2,328	7.9	€5,993

If the family size is greater than 6, the income limit determining the amount of the fee is increased by €138 for each additional minor child in the family.

According to the law, the youngest child accessing the early childhood education services is regarded as the first child of the family. The maximum fee payable for the first child is €290 per month. The fee chargeable for the second child accessing early childhood education full time may be no more than 90% of the fee payable for the first child. The fee charged for each child beyond the second child is 20% of the fee payable for the first child. The amount of the fee charged for children other than the first child is derived from a full-time early childhood education fee that would be chargeable for the first child.

Determination of customer fees for early childhood education based on the number hours in care

The fee is based on the hours agreed upon with the service provider and the value of the service voucher. The charge for a child requiring early childhood education in addition to the free hours is 55% or 65% of the maximum.

Specified day-care hours/month	Customer fee as percentage (%) of maximum rate	Maximum €/month
0–84 hours	55%	€160
85–107 hours	65%	€189
108–130 hours	80%	€232
131–150 hours	90%	€261
151 hours or more	100%	€290

Reviewing the amount of the early childhood education fee and the value of the service voucher and updating client information

The value of the service voucher will be adjusted if there is a significant change in the family income (+/- 10%), the value of the voucher proves to be incorrect, the size of the family or its need for care changes, or existing regulations or decisions are amended. If the decision regarding the value of the service voucher is obviously based on inaccurate information provided by the parents or other guardians, the value can be adjusted retroactively for a maximum period of 12 months.

Families are obligated to promptly report any changes in income to the customer payment secretary of the Financial Unit either by using the online portal or by mail. If the change in income occurs in the middle of the month, the adjusted fee will apply as of the beginning of the following month.

All changes in family size, need for care, workplace, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address and name changes must be promptly reported to the Early Childhood Education Case Management (Varhaiskasvatuksen palveluohjaus) using the online portal or the changed information/termination form.

Additional information

More information on the value of the vouchers and the contact details of the customer payment secretaries are available on the City of Jyväskylä Early Childhood Education website. www.jyvaskyla.fi/paivahoito/hoitomaksut



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