

CITY OF HELSINKI

Education Division

CLIENT FEE BULLETIN

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FEES AS OF 1 MARCH 2023

Maximum fee and sibling discounts

The maximum full-day care fee is EUR 295 for the youngest and EUR 118 (40%) for the second youngest child in early childhood education. For the family's other children, the full-day care rate is 20% of the care fee charged for the youngest child, the maximum being EUR 59. The next revision of the fees is scheduled for 1 August 2024.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	Fee	PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION *)	Fee	CHILDREN BORN IN 2017	Fee
Over 7 hrs	100%	Over 7 hrs	65%	Over 7 hrs	65%
6-year-old pre-primary education pupil's holiday fee, total 7+ hrs/day)	90%**)	Pre-primary education + early childhood education, total 7–8 hrs/day)	60%***)	Pre-primary education + early childhood education, total 7–8 hrs/day)	60%***)
Over 5 hrs, max. 7 hrs	80%	Over 5 hrs, max. 7 hrs	40%	Over 5 hrs, max. 7 hrs	40%
Max. 5 hrs	60%	Max. 5 hrs	20%	Max. 5 hrs	20%

ROUND-THE-CLOCK CARE HRS/MONTH	Fee
161+	100%
101–160	80%
61–100	60%

*) Care in place of pre-primary education during holidays is subject to a charge.

**) Applies only to the fees of 6-year-old pre-primary education pupils' early childhood education during school holidays.

***) Applies only to the fees of 6-year-old pre-primary education pupils and 5-year-olds participating in the pre-primary education trial.

Free-of-charge early childhood education to 5-year-olds (4 hours/day) starts on 1.8.2023 and applies to children born 2018 and living in Helsinki and continues until the beginning of pre-primary education.

The two-year trial for pre-primary education for 5-year-olds (four hours a day) applies to children born in 2017. It starts on 10 August 2023 and ends on 1 June 2024.

For temporary full-day early childhood education, the fee is EUR 46.20 per day and for temporary part-time early childhood education EUR 24.70 per day.

For the second and any additional children, the rates are EUR 24.70 and EUR 15.30 per day.

Family size

When the family size is determined, married or common-law couples living in the same household, as well as the minor children of both partners living with them in the same household, are taken into account.

Fee percentages and minimum and maximum gross income limits

Family size	Minimum fee/ gross income limit EUR/month	Fee %	Highest fee/ gross income limit EUR/month
2	3874	10.7	6627
3	4998	10.7	7751
4	5675	10.7	8428
5	6353	10.7	9106
6	7028	10.7	9781

If the family size is greater than six, the income limit used as the basis for determining the fee is increased by EUR 262 for each additional minor child in the family. If the family's income is lower than the minimum gross income limit, or if the fee per child is less than EUR 28, no fee is charged.

To calculate your family's full-day care fees, use the following formula:

- Check the minimum gross income limit per month that matches your family size from the table, and subtract it from your average monthly gross income.
- Use the remaining figure to calculate the amount according to the fee percentage (10,7 %) = the full-day care fee for your youngest child.

Income

Income includes all taxable earned income, capital gains and all tax-free income earned by a child, parent or other guardian and his or her spouse or partner living in the same household.

The following are not considered as income: child home care allowance (with the exception of flexible and partial home care allowance); child benefit; disability support for those under the age of 16, disability support for those over the age of 16, care allowance for pensioners and dietary compensation according to the Disability Benefit Act (570/2007); child increment according to the National Pension Act (568/2007); housing allowance; compensation for medical treatment and examinations paid under accident insurance; conscript's allowance; front veteran's compensation; study grants; adult education support; social assistance; maintenance allowance paid as labour market subsidy or training subsidy; scholarships or other forms of grants awarded for studies; or compensation for the costs of family care.

Child support payable to children outside the family involved and other corresponding costs due to actual family relations, including traditional life-annuity, are deductible from income.

Income declaration

The guardians of the child must provide an income declaration unless the family's total gross income exceeds the limit requiring payment of the maximum early childhood education fee. Income information is reviewed annually. The income statement form is available from the Client Fees and Invoicing unit and on the hel.fi website <http://www.hel.fi/www/vaka/fi>. The income declaration, together with the enclosed documents, is to be sent to: Department of Early Childhood Education, Client Fees Unit, PO Box 58301, 00099 City of Helsinki. You can also deliver the income declaration to the child's early childhood education location.

Adjustment of the early childhood education fee

The early childhood education fee is effective until further notice. Any substantial change in income or change in the family size must be reported in writing, accompanied by the necessary documents. If the decision on the early childhood education fee has been made based on inaccurate information provided

by the client, the fee may be adjusted and charged retroactively, but only from up to one year. The unit that determines the fees has access to the KELA information system, wherein payment information on the client's pending and current benefits can be checked without the client's consent. Access to the system is based on Section 21 of the Act on the Status and Rights of Social Welfare Clients.

Monthly fee

The monthly fee is charged for a maximum of eleven calendar months per operating year (from 1 August to 31 July). No fee is charged for July, provided that the child has started in municipal early childhood education no later than in September of the current operating year. The care fees for summer are announced separately. **The invoice is only delivered to the address at which the child is living with their guardian(s).**

If a child is regularly absent for 4–12 days a month, 4% of the monthly fee is rebated for each day of absence compliant with the agreement.

Regular absences can be set up for a minimum period of three months. Absences subject to rebate can be based on agreed upon days of the week or work shifts, in which case the care place must be notified of them at least one week in advance. **If a child's regular absence subject to rebate falls on a midweek holiday, it is still considered an absence subject to rebate. However, absences subject to rebate cannot be centred around midweek holidays or other holiday periods.** Other absences during a calendar month do not count towards the rebates granted for regular absences.

If the child is absent from early childhood education due to illness, regular days off will not be recorded as days of illness. If the child is ill during a holiday that has been agreed upon in advance, the holidays will not be recorded as days of illness. If a regular day off falls on a midweek holiday, the day off does not need to be taken on another day.

Impact of absences on the early childhood education fee

The early childhood education fees cover approximately 10% of the costs to arrange early childhood education, and usually no compensation is given for absences. The monthly fee is also charged for days of absence with the following exceptions:

1. If the child is absent from early childhood education due to illness on every operating day during a calendar month, no fee is charged.
2. If the child is absent from early childhood education due to illness on at least 11 operating days during a calendar month, only half of the monthly fee is charged.
3. If the child is absent from early childhood education for reasons other than illness every day during a calendar month, half of the monthly fee is charged.

Starting and ending early childhood education

Early childhood education fee is charged from the start date of care, as indicated in the early childhood education decision. The ending of early childhood education should be notified one month in advance. Invoicing ends at the agreed upon end date of care.

ENQUIRIES

**Determination of early childhood education
client fees**

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**Invoicing of early childhood education and
care; changes in due date and collection**

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