

FEES CHARGED FOR CHILDREN'S EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE STARTING 1 AUGUST 2016

Highest fee and sibling discount

The maximum fee for full-time day care is €290 for the youngest and €221 for the second youngest child in early education. For the other children, the fee is 20% of the youngest child's fee, up to €58. The fees will be adjusted next on 1 August 2018.

| EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE | Fee | PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION AND EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE*) | Fee | ROUND-THE-CLOCK DAY CARE HOURS/MONTH | Fee |
|--------------------------|------|--|-----|--------------------------------------|------|
| Over 7 hrs | 100% | Over 7 hrs | 65% | 161– | 100% |
| Over 5 hrs, max. 7 hrs | 80% | Over 5 hrs, max. 7 hrs | 40% | 101–160 | 80% |
| Max. 5 hrs | 60% | Max. 5 hrs | 20% | 61–100 | 60% |

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

The fee for temporary round-the-clock day care is €46.20/day and the fee for part-time day care is €24.70/day.

Starting from the second child, the fee is €24.70/day and, for part-time day care, €15.30/day.

Family size

The family members taken into consideration include cohabiting married couples or cohabiting persons in a similar relationship and the minor children of either partner living in the same household.

Fee percentages, gross minimum and maximum limits

| Family size | Minimum/gross income limit €/month | Fee percentage | Highest fee/gross income limit €/month |
|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 2 | 1,403 | 11.5 | 3,925 |
| 3 | 1,730 | 9.4 | 4,816 |
| 4 | 2,053 | 7.9 | 5,724 |
| 5 | 2,191 | 7.9 | 5,862 |
| 6 | 2,328 | 7.9 | 5,999 |

If the family includes more than six people, the fee will be calculated based on the income limit with €138 for each subsequent minor child of the family. If the income is below the minimum gross income level or if the fee per child is less than €27, no fees will be charged.

A family's full-time day care fee is calculated as follows:

- Select the early education's minimum gross income limit per month according to the family size from the table and subtract it from the (average) monthly gross income.
- Take the amount according to the fee percentage (11.5% or 9.4% or 7.9%) from the remaining number = the full-time day care fee of the youngest child.

Income

Income refers to the taxable earned and capital income and non-taxable income of a cohabiting child, the child's parent or other guardian and his/her spouse or cohabiting persons in a similar relationship.

The following are not considered as income: child home care allowance (but flexible and partial basic allowance is considered as income) and child benefit; disability benefits 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 Act on disability benefits (570/2007); child increment according to the National pensions 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; income support; maintenance allowance for a labour market subsidy or education 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 are deductible from income, including traditional life-annuity.

Income declaration

The parents of the child must provide an income declaration unless the family's total gross income exceeds the limit requiring payment of the highest early education fee. Submit your income declaration using a form that is available at the Department of Early Education and Care offices or online at <http://www.hel.fi/www/vaka/fi>. The income declaration, together with the enclosures, is to be sent to: Department of Early Education and Care, Customer fee unit, P.O. Box 9001, FI-00099 City of Helsinki. The income declaration can also be submitted to place where the child receives early education and care.

Adjusting a family's early education fees

The early education fee is valid 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 fee has been made on the basis of the inaccurate information provided by the customer, the fee may be adjusted retroactively, but for no more than one year. The persons who determine and decide on fees have access to the KELA information system, wherein information on pending and paid benefits can be checked without consent. Access to the system is based on Section 21 of the Act on the Status and Rights of Social Welfare Clients (812/2000).

Monthly fee

A monthly fee is charged for a maximum of eleven calendar months per operating year (1 August–31 July). No fee is paid for July, provided that the child has started in municipal early education no later than in September of the current operating year. The fees for summer are announced separately.

If the child is regularly absent for 4 to 12 days per month, the monthly fee is reduced by 4% for each agreed day of absence.

The regular absences must take place over a minimum period of three months. A monthly fee is charged for early education, and occasional absences are not recompensed. Regular, recompensed absence can be based on work shifts, in which case it must be reported at least one week in advance. If one parent is at home and the absences are not based on the shift work of the working parent, the absences will be arranged for a specific day of the week that repeats regularly for at least three months. The principle of regularity will be entered in the service plan. Other absences are not considered as compensable regular absence.

If a child is absent from early education due to illness, the regular days off for the duration will not be marked as sick days. If a child falls ill during a pre-arranged holiday, the holidays will not be marked as sick days. If a regular day off falls on a mid-week holiday, it is not necessary to take another day off on a weekday.

The effect of absences on early education fees

The early education fees cover approximately 10% of the costs to arrange early 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 education due to illness on every operating day during a calendar month, no fee is charged.
2. If the child is absent from early education due to illness on at least 11 operating days during a calendar month, half of the monthly fee is charged.
3. If the child is absent from early education for reasons other than illness every day during a calendar month, half of the monthly fee is charged.

Starting and ending early education

The early education fee is charged from the start date of care as indicated in the early education decision. If an early education place duly applied for and granted for a child is not accepted and no notice of cancellation is given before the care start date as defined in the early education decision, half of the monthly fee will be charged.

Ending early education should be notified one month in advance. Invoicing ends at the agreed cancellation date.

ENQUIRIES

Early education fee determination

Customer fee unit, P.O. Box 9001,
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Early education invoicing; due date postponement and debt collection

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