

**Notice of client fees for  
municipal early childhood  
education and care starting  
from 1.3.2023**



JYVÄSKYLÄ 

### **Client fees for early childhood education are based on laws**

Client fees for early childhood education are based on the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care, as well as on Section 4 of the Act on Client Charges in Social Welfare and Healthcare. These laws regulate, among other things, the determination of the client fee for early childhood education and care and the income on which the client fee for early childhood education and care is based.

### **Family size takes into account persons of the same household**

Family size takes into account the persons living in a common household, either legally married or in a common law relationship, as well as the minor children of both of them living in the same household.

If the child's custodians live at different addresses but early childhood education is provided in only one municipality, the fee is based on the income of the family with which the child is registered.

### **A statement of income must be made by the end of the first month of the child's early childhood education and care**

The income of a family consists of the income of the child using the early childhood education services, his or her parent's or other guardian's income, and the income of a married or registered partner living in a joint household with them.

Counted as income are taxable earnings and capital income as well as tax-free income. A five per cent's holiday pay is added to the monthly income if the holiday pay for the entire tax year is not evidenced by receipts. The children's income can include, for example, a survivor's pension, interest income, maintenance allowance or maintenance support. As a deduction of income, taken into account are maintenance allowances paid for the children of the family in question living outside the family, as well as other similar expenses due to the actual family relationship.

The client fee for early childhood education and care is determined according to the situation at the time of payment, on the basis of either verifiable or estimated income.

If the family does not declare their income, the highest client fee shall be charged. When starting municipal early childhood education and care, the family must submit a statement of income by the end of the month in which the early childhood education starts.

The city has the right to check a family's data from the digital and population data register, the Social Insurance Institution (Kela), the income register and other public authorities in accordance with Section 17 of the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care (1503/2016).

### **Family size determines the income limit for the early childhood education and care fee**

The early childhood education and care fee is charged as a monthly fee for a maximum of eleven calendar months during the year of activities. The month free of charge is June or July, provided that the child's early childhood education and care started before the first day of September of the previous year. The right to a free month is retained when moving from one municipality to another.

The early childhood education and care fee is calculated on the total gross income of the family. If the monthly fee per child is less than €28, no fee is charged.

Family size, income limits, fee percentages and minimum gross income limits for the highest contribution:

Family size, members	Income limit in €/month	Fee percentage	Minimum gross income threshold for the highest fee
2	3 874 €	10,7	6 627 €
3	4 998 €	10,7	7 751 €
4	5 675 €	10,7	8 428 €
5	6 353 €	10,7	9 106 €
6	7 028 €	10,7	9 781 €

If the family consists of more than six people, the income limit on which the fee is based is increased by € 262 for each subsequent child under the age of 18 in the family.

#### **You can get a sibling discount on the early childhood education and care fee**

The law always considers the first child in a family to be the youngest child using the early childhood education services. The highest client fee for the youngest child of the family is € 295 per month. A fee that is at most 40 per cent of the fee of the youngest child may be imposed for the next child in order of age in full-time early childhood education and care.

The fee for each subsequent child shall not exceed 20 per cent of the fee for the youngest child. When determining the fee for children other than the youngest child of the family, the calculation shall be based on the imputed full-time early childhood education and care fee for the youngest child.

#### **The client fee of early child education and care is determined in accordance with the agreed average weekly hours**

The fee is determined and collected in accordance with the agreed average weekly hours. At the start of early childhood education, the hours are set with the family. If the number of hours is not known, they are estimated. The implementation of the agreed hours is monitored at the early childhood centre. As a rule, the agreed average weekly hours can be changed every three months (except in the case of employment, lay-offs or termination of employment). In the event of a change in hours, the early childhood education and care centre must be contacted.

There are 84 hours of free pre-school education per month. A child in need of early childhood education, in addition to free pre-school education, pays a client fee of 55 % or 65 %.

Agreed average weekly hours /month	Client fee as a percentage of the highest fee	A maximum of €/month
1 – 84 hours	55 %	162 €
85 – 107 hours	65 %	192 €
108 – 130 hours	80%	236 €
131 – 150 hours	90%	266 €
151 hours or more	100%	295 €

### **The number of days of early childhood education and care affects the payment for temporary early childhood education and care**

For temporary early childhood education and care that is not recurrent (up to 5 days), a fee of €19 per day is charged, regardless of the length of the early childhood education and care day. The same fee is charged for all siblings in temporary early childhood education and care.

### **Client fee to be collected for early childhood education and care not cancelled**

If a place in early childhood education and care, applied for and allocated to a child, is not cancelled before the start of the early childhood education and care relationship, half of the monthly fee is charged as a client fee.

### **Impact of absences on the client fee to be charged**

- If a child is absent from early childhood education and care for all the days of activities in a calendar month due to illness, no fee is charged.
- If a child is absent from early childhood education and care for at least 11 days of activity in a calendar month due to illness, half of the monthly fee is charged.
- If a child is absent for any reason other than illness in all the days of a calendar month, half of the monthly fee will be collected as a fee.
- If the father of a child who has already started early childhood education is on a period of paternity leave, no fee is charged, nor is the child entitled to use an early childhood education place on the days in question. Absences due to paternity leave must be notified to the early childhood education and care establishment at least two weeks before their planned start date.
- If a child's early childhood education and care starts or ends in the middle of the calendar month, the monthly fee is reduced to correspond to the duration of the early childhood education and care contract.

### **Payment credits are available during school holidays and from 1 June to 31 August.**

During school holidays and summer months, you will receive a payment credit for pre-notified, full days of absence from 1.6. to 31.8., as follows:

- The need for care is 108 hours or more  
Payment credit will be given for all pre-notified credit days during the holiday.
- The need for care is 85-107 hours  
The number of hours that can be credited and reserved is calculated from 107 hours.
- The need for care is 0-84 hours  
The number of hours that can be credited and reserved is calculated from 84 hours.

### **Early childhood education and care client fees are revised when information changes**

The client fee for early childhood education is revised if the family's income changes significantly (+/- 10%), if the fee turns out to be incorrect, if the size of the family or the child's early childhood education hours change or if the regulations/decisions in force are amended. If the decision determining the fee is based on incorrect or incomplete information provided by the child's parents or other custodians, the fee may be corrected retroactively for a maximum period of one year.

If a family does not submit proof of the family's income, the highest client fee for the family's child in early childhood education will be determined. A fee for incomplete income information will not be corrected retrospectively, but the submitted statements of income will be taken into account from the beginning of the following month.

Families have an obligation to provide information on a change in income immediately to the client fee secretaries of the Service Management and Development Unit, either via electronic services or by post. If the income changes in the middle of the month, the payment amount will be adjusted from the beginning of the following month. The introduction of the income register does not remove the customer's obligation to provide their income information for the purpose of determining and verifying the client fee.

Families must immediately inform the director of the day care centre, either through the e-service or by means of a change of information/termination form, of any changes in the size of the family and the child's need for early childhood education and care, as well as changes in a place of work, address, telephone number, e-mail address and name.

**Early childhood education client fee is invoiced once a month in arrears.**

Early childhood education client fee is invoiced once a month. The fee according to the agreed average weekly hours will be invoiced retrospectively and the invoice is due on the last day of the following month. If payment is not made by the due date, a reminder will be sent to the client. If payment is not made by the due date of the reminder, the outstanding debt is transferred to the collection agency. Early childhood education and care fees are directly enforceable.

**The club fee is determined based on agreed club days.**

The club's year of activities is from August through May. The club fee is collected as a monthly payment, and there are no refunds for absences. The club fee is based on the number of club days agreed: three times a week 66 €/month, twice a week 44 €/month and once a week 22 €/month. The fee for a family club is €6 per club session and the fee for a temporary club is €6.50 per child per club session.

**Further information can be obtained from the client fee secretaries**

For further information on early childhood education and care fees, as well as contact details for the client fee secretaries, please visit the City of Jyväskylä's early childhood education website [www.jyvaskyla.fi/varhaiskasvatus/maksut-ja-palveluseteli](http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/varhaiskasvatus/maksut-ja-palveluseteli) or [varhaiskasvatus.asiakasmaksut\[at\]jyvaskyla.fi](mailto:varhaiskasvatus.asiakasmaksut[at]jyvaskyla.fi). For security reasons, please do not include personal identifiers in an email.



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