

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



JYVÄSKYLÄ 

Client fees and the value of the service voucher for private early childhood education are based on laws

Client fees and the value of the service voucher for private early childhood education and 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, as well as the Act on Service Vouchers in Social Welfare and Health Care Services. 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.

The **imputed** client fee for a decision on the value of a service voucher is equal to the client fee based on the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care that the family would pay for their child's municipal early childhood education and care.

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 submitted at the latest when the child starts in early childhood education and care

When starting private early childhood education and care, the family must submit a statement of income to determine the value of the service voucher at the latest when the child starts at the day care centre or family day care. The value of the service voucher is determined to correspond to the situation at the time of early childhood education on the basis of either verifiable or estimated income. If the family does not declare its income, the value of the service voucher shall be determined by the highest imputed client fee.

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.

Income includes 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 documents do not show holiday pay for the entire tax year. The children's income can consist of, for example, a survivor's pension, interest income, maintenance support or maintenance allowance. As a deduction of income, maintenance allowance paid for the children of the family in question living outside the family are taken into account as well as other similar expenses due to actual family relationships. The imputed fee for the client service voucher is calculated on the total gross income of the family.

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).

The size of the family determines the income limit for the imputed client fee of the service voucher

Family size, income limits, fee percentages and minimum gross income limits for the highest imputed client fee

Family size, members	Income limit in €/month	Fee percentage	Minimum gross income threshold for the highest imputed client 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.

If the monthly imputed client fee per child is less than €28, no imputed client fee is charged.

You can get a sibling discount on the imputed client fee of the service voucher

The law always considers the first child in a family to be the youngest child using the early childhood education services. The highest imputed client fee for the youngest child of the family is € 295 per month. An imputed client fee that is at most 40 per cent of the imputed client 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 imputed client fee for each subsequent child shall not exceed 20 per cent of the imputed client 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 value of the service voucher is determined in accordance with the agreed average weekly hours

The value of the service voucher is determined in accordance with the average weekly hours agreed on with the service provider, as well as on the basis of the entitlement to a service voucher.

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 an imputed client fee of 55 % or 65 %.

Agreed average weekly hours /month	Imputed 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 value of the service voucher is revised when information changes

The value of the service voucher is reviewed if the family's income changes significantly (+/- 10%), if the value turns out to be incorrect, if the size of the family or the estimated average hours granted to the child change or if the valid regulations / decisions change. If the decision determining the value of the service voucher is based on incorrect or incomplete information provided by the child's parents or other custodians, the value of the service voucher 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 imputed client fee for the family's child in early childhood education will be determined. The value of a service voucher which has been determined with incomplete income information will not be corrected retrospectively, but the submitted income statements will be taken into account from the beginning of the following month.

Families are obliged to provide information on changed 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 value of the service voucher will be checked from the beginning of the following month.

Families must immediately inform the Service Management and Development Unit, 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.

The imputed client fee of the club service is determined based on agreed club days

The club's year of activities is from August through May. The imputed client fee of the club service voucher is based on the number of club days agreed: three times a week the imputed payment is 66 €/month, twice a week 44 €/month and once a week 22 €/month.

Further information can be obtained from the client fee secretaries

For further information on service voucher value, 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 or email to [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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