



## **Income limits in early childhood education and care will be raised as of March 1, 2023, client fees applying to many children are to be reduced**

Adjustments to income limits laid down by the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care will enter into force on as of March 1, 2023. At its meeting on the January 25, 2023, the Education Committee of the City of Jyväskylä made a decision on the adjusted client fees based on this Act.

The income limits on which the client fees are based will be raised by 33%. Sibling discounts, as well as the fee percentage (10.7%) that is the basis of the fee calculation, will remain unchanged.

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.

### **Adjustments to income limits in practice**

The client fee related to a service voucher begins to form when gross income of the family exceeds the income limit. In practice, an adjustment to income limits means that in a family with two persons the income limit for the client fee in early childhood education and care will be raised from 2913 euro to 3874 euro, in a family with three persons from 3758 euro to 4998 euro, in a family with four persons from 4267 euro to 5675 euro, in a family with five persons from 4777 euro to 6353 euro and in a family with six persons from 5284 euro to 7028 euro. 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.

The income limit related to the highest client fee in early childhood education and care will be raised in a family with two persons from 5666 euro to 6627 euro, in a family with three persons from 6511 euro to 7751 euro, in a family with four persons from 7020 euro to 8428 euro, in a family with five persons from 7530 euro to 9106 euro and in a family with six persons from 8037 euro to 9781 euro.

The client fee calculation is based by the size of the family (persons), income limits, the payment percentage, gross income of the family along with the agreed need for hourly services within early childhood education and care. The highest possible calculated client fee for full-time early childhood education and care remains 295 €. Fees for children's clubs remain unchanged. When applying for a reduction and an exemption related to fees for children's clubs, the adjusted income limits will be taken into consideration as of March 1, 2023.





## The following examples illustrate the impact of the adjustments on income limits

### Example 1.

Gross income of a family with three persons is 5500 euro. At the moment, the client fee is 186 euro in the event that the need for early childhood education and care is more than 151 hours a month. As of March 1, 2023, the client fee will be 54 euro with the equal income.

### Example 2.

Gross income notified by a family with four persons is 6 000 euro. At the moment, the client fee of the family is consistent with the highest fee 259 euro in the event that the need for early childhood education and care is more than 151 hours a month. As of March 1, 2023, the client fee is to be reduced to 35 euro.

The formula for calculating the client fee in early childhood education and care:

(Gross income of a family minus the income limit based on the size of the family, persons) x 10,7% x per cent based on the agreed need for hourly services in early childhood education and care = the client fee, euro a month

## It is worth checking the income information and, if necessary, to submit the income documents

In the event that a family have agreed to the highest client fee at the present, it is worth checking the adjusted income limit related to the highest client fee and, if necessary, to submit the income documents through electronic services [www.jyvaskyla.fi/varhaiskasvatus/sahkoinen-asiointi](http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/varhaiskasvatus/sahkoinen-asiointi).

Due to adjustments to income limits in March, the family are not required to submit any income documents in the event that the income information has not changed, the family agree to the highest client fee or the family have been requested for the income documents in accordance with a separate timetable. The family can check the income currently taken into consideration through electronic services on the latest decision on the value of the service voucher by clicking the PDF icon.

The families whose client fee related to a service voucher will be adjusted as of March 1, 2023, are to be provided with new decisions on the value of the service voucher no later than by the end of March.

## For more information:

The website for early childhood education and care [www.jyvaskyla.fi/varhaiskasvatus/maksut-ja-palveluseteli](http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/varhaiskasvatus/maksut-ja-palveluseteli), e-mail [varhaiskasvatus.asiakasmaksut\(at\)jyvaskyla.fi](mailto:varhaiskasvatus.asiakasmaksut(at)jyvaskyla.fi) as well as the secretaries responsible for client fee issues Jaana Svärd tel. 014 569 7054 and Anne Friman tel. 014 569 3096