

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO THE EARLY EDUCATION FEES 1.8.2024

Note: This notice only applies to municipal early childhood education fees

In early childhood education organized by the municipality, fees are determined on the basis of family size and income. The maximum payment is 311€ per month for the youngest child in the family in full-time early childhood education.

If the fee is less than €30 per child in full-time early childhood education, the fee is not charged.

Discount for siblings

For the family's second child in full-time early childhood education, the fee is 40% of the youngest child's fee. The fee for each subsequent child is 20% of the fee for the youngest child.

Preschool (4 hours per day =20 hours per week) education is free of charge during the preschool education's operating days according to the kindergarten's preschool education hours. When the child is in early childhood education in addition to pre-school, a fee is charged according to the reserved/used care time. During holidays, when preschool education is not organized and the child needs care in early childhood education, the fee is charged according to the reserved / used care time. Preschool activity days can be found at:

<https://www.seinajoki.fi/en/childcare-and-education/early-childhood-education-and-pre-primary-education/pre-school/>

Income information

Guardians submit an electronic income declaration form via eDaisy after receiving the decision on early childhood education. The electronic income statement must always be updated if the job or salary information changes. The use of the income register does not replace the notification of changes in income. Decisions on parental leave, home care support and flexible care allowance must be submitted as an attachment to the income statement. The start and end time of the decision must appear in the attachment. The family can also accept the highest early childhood education fee using the income declaration form, if the family's gross income exceeds the highest payment limit.

Free month

The operating year of early childhood education begins on August 1. If the child is in care during all months of the operating year, the 12th month care fee is not charged. The free month is then July. The free month does not apply to service voucher customers. The service voucher rulebook applies to service voucher customers.

Family size matters

When determining payments as a family size, guardians living in a joint household, married or common-law spouses and all children under the age of 18 living in the family.

Income limits and payment percentages

| Family size | Payment percentage | Monthly income limit below which no customer fee is charged | Lowest payment, 30€ with monthly income | Highest payment, 311€ with monthly income |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---|---|
| 2 | 10,7 | 4066€ | 4346€ | 6974€ |
| 3 | 10,7 | 5245€ | 5525€ | 8153€ |
| 4 | 10,7 | 5956€ | 6236€ | 8864€ |
| 5 | 10,7 | 6667€ | 6947€ | 9575€ |
| 6 | 10,7 | 7376€ | 7656€ | 10284€ |

Family income that is taken to account

All taxable earnings and capital income are taken into account as family income. The customer's income is taken into account, e.g. alimony/subsidy, family pension, etc. If the monthly income varies, the average monthly income of the last year is taken into account as the monthly income.

Family income that is not taken to account:

"Income does not take into account child allowance, benefit according to the Act on Disability Benefits (570/2007), child increase according to the National Pension Act (568/2007), housing allowance, medical and examination expenses based on accident insurance, military allowance, frontal allowance, study allowance, adult education allowance, housing allowance for study allowance, operating allowance paid as subsistence allowance and travel allowance, maintenance allowance in accordance with the National Pension Institution's Rehabilitation Benefits and Rehabilitation Cash Benefits



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Act (566/2005), maintenance allowance in accordance with the Public Labor Service Act (1295/2002), grants and other similar grants for studies, reimbursement of family care costs and no home care support for children. (11.5.2007/585)"

As a deduction from income, the following are taken into account: paid alimony/child support

Absences affecting fees:

- If the child is **absent for all the operating days of the calendar month due to illness**, no fee is charged at all.
- If the child is **absent for at least 11 operating days in a calendar month due to illness**, half of the fee is charged.
- If the child is **absent for any other reason for all days of the calendar month**, half of the fee is charged.
- **If there is even one day of attendance in the calendar month, the fee according to the contract for the entire month will be charged.**

Paternity allowance

A child for whom paternity allowance is paid does not have the right to early childhood education at the same time, and no payment is collected. The right to the same place of care remains. Kela's decision on absence due to paternity benefit periods must be notified and delivered to Sari Saranpää no later than two weeks before the planned start date. The unpaid paternity leave does not apply to other siblings in the family.

Regarding the parental leave reform

The new parental leaves mainly apply to children whose date of birth is September 4, 2022 or later.

The early childhood education organizer must receive information about the use of parental leave from the family. Families are not charged an early childhood education customer fee for absences reported within the deadlines for parental leave.

The notification must be made for an absence lasting more than 5 days no later than one month before its planned start date. Repeated absences lasting 1-5 days must be reported one week before the planned start date of the first absence. One-off absences lasting 5 days, there is no reporting obligation. These days are not free days as intended in the Customer Payments Act.

Care fees at the start and end of early childhood education

If the child's early childhood education starts or ends in the middle of a calendar month, the payment is determined according to the start/end date.

Monthly payment according to the care contract chosen by the family

| Booked care time per week | Hours per month | Percentage of the full day fee | Total fee in euros |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 0 - 10 hours (only for preschool) | under 43 | 30% | 93€ |
| 11 - 16 hours | under 69 | 40% | 124€ |
| 17 - 20 hours | under 86 | 50% | 156€ |
| 21 - 27 hours | under 116 | 65% | 202€ |
| 28 - 35 hours | under 150 | 80% | 249€ |
| over 35 hours | over 150 | 100% | 311€ |

Care time reservations are made at DaisyFamily. Reservations must always be booked a week in advance by Monday 06:00 am. If the care time reservation has not been made before the end of the lock-in period or there are changes to the care times due to work shifts after the lock-in time, you can submit a written request to the caregivers of your child's group in order to correct the care time reservation. Unused hours in a calendar month do not carry over to the next month.

A change to the number care time hours in the contract is applied for in eDaisy during the previous month. The care time change must be valid for at least the next three months.

If the child's care time reservations or use of the service exceeds more than 59 min per month during the operating month of the care time agreement, the program determines the monthly fee according to the exceeded hours. Overages are billed according to the reservations and the exceeded usage. If the families' care time exceeds the limit for two consecutive months, the care contract will be changed to a higher payment category. The care time agreement is valid for 3 months, after which the family can request a change to the care time and fee via eDaisy. Resignation is also done in eDaisy.



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Temporary care

The fee for temporary care is 20€ for a full day (over 5 hours) and 15€ for a part day (5 hours or less).

