

NOTICE TO FAMILIES 17 FEBRUARY 2023

New income thresholds for client fees charged for early childhood education and care as of 1 March 2023

An amendment to the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care (1503/2016) will lower client fees by imposing a 33 per cent increase to the income thresholds that determine the client fees. The amendment will take effect on 1 March 2023.

The payment percentage that determines the client fees will remain unchanged (10.7%).

The Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care will not be amended in other respects.

The maximum fee for early childhood education and care for the first child will remain at EUR 295 per month and the minimum fee at EUR 28 per month. The fee for the second child is at maximum 40% of the fee for the youngest child. The fee for any subsequent children is 20% of the fee for the youngest child.

INCOME THRESHOLDS

Number of people in family	Income threshold EUR/month		Fee EUR 28, income from		Fee EUR 295, income from	
			EUR 28	EUR 28	EUR 295	EUR 295
	1 Aug 2022	1 Mar 2023	1 Aug 2022	1 Mar 2023	1 Aug 2022	1 Mar 2023
2	2,913	3,874	3,175	4,136	5,665	6,626
3	3,758	4,998	4,020	5,260	6,540	7,750
4	4,267	5,675	4,529	5,937	7,049	8,427
5	4,777	6,353	5,039	6,615	7,529	9,105
6	5,284	7,028	5,546	7,290	8,036	9,780

If the number of people in the family exceeds six, the income threshold is increased by EUR 262 per underage child.

The payment decisions entering into force on 1 March 2023 will be based on the current income information in the system. If the income information is up to date, no action is required by the client. Decisions will be delivered to clients by mail at their home address. Decisions free of charge (EUR 0.00 per month) will not be revisited, unless the client reports changes to their income. The duty to report lies with the client.

Approved maximum fees (without income information) will remain unchanged until the client files a request to revise the income information and delivers the required documents. The fee will be revised starting from the month in which the documents/approvals were delivered.

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