

CLIENT FEE BULLETIN CHILDREN'S DAYCARE

Act on Client Fees of Early Childhood Education

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City of Tampere

DETERMINATION OF DAYCARE FEES

The monthly client fee for children's daycare is based on the Act on Client Fees of Early Childhood Education. The fee is determined based on the size and gross income of the family and the monthly need for daycare.

Family size	Income threshold	Client fee percentage
2	2102	10,70
3	2713	10,70
4	3080	10,70
5	3447	10,70
6	3813	10,70

Family size

A family is defined as partners sharing a household, whether married or common law spouses, and the minor children of both partners living in the same household. If the family size is greater than six, the income threshold is raised by 142 euro for each additional minor child in the family.

Example:

Father, mother and three minor children make a family of five. Father's gross income is 2500 euro per month plus leave allowance 125 euro and the mother's 1200 euro per month plus leave allowance 60 euro. The family's combined gross income is 3885 euro, which is 438 euro above the threshold of 3447 euro. Thus, the daycare fee is 10,70 % of 438 euro or 47 euro per month. This is the monthly fee for the youngest child in the family.

If the family fails to provide information and/or documents regarding their income, the city will charge the maximum fee.

The fee is based on gross income

For the purpose of determining the daycare fee, the following is included in the family's income: all taxable earned and capital income, tax free income and imputed forestry income. Leave allowance (5 %) is added to the income. Maintenance allowance and maintenance support affect the daycare fee. If the family's monthly income varies, an average income is calculated over a longer period of time. Private entrepreneurs must fill in "Yrittäjän tuloseelvitys" available at http://www.tampere.fi/material/attachments/y/unnamed_2357/yrittajan_tuloseelvitys_liite1.pdf (declaration of self-employment income) and the required appendices.

Need for service

The family can choose full daycare (more than 5 hrs/day), half daycare up to 4 hrs/day, half daycare up to 5 hrs/day or after preschool daycare. The 4 hrs/day half daycare fee is 50 % of the full daycare fee and the up to 5 hrs/day half daycare fee is 60 % of the full daycare fee. It should be noted that in 24 hour daycare a new day begins at midnight. The 4h/day half daycare can't be used with a service day agreement (see below).

Preschool education (4 hrs/day) and after preschool daycare

Preschool education is provided free of charge. Preschool vacation times comply with the school holiday periods. During vacations, a preschool pupil can use the after preschool daycare as required without any change to the daycare fee. Normal daycare fees are charged for summertime.

The fee of the care provided before or after preschool hours is determined for the period from 1.8.-31.5. The after preschool daycare has two options.

Need for after preschool daycare	Fee
Up to 5 hrs/day	60 % of the monthly fulltime daycare fee
More than 5 hrs/day	80 % of the monthly fulltime daycare fee

The daycare service day agreement

The number of daycare days can be agreed as 10 or 15 per month. The agreement with the daycare centre is made for a minimum of five months. The fee for 10 days is 50 % and for 15 days 75 % of the monthly fulltime daycare fee. Daycare fee will be charged based on the number of days in the agreement even if the actual use of service is less than agreed. If the number of actual daycare days is greater than agreed, the fee is charged according to the actual usage of service.

The actual use of daycare days

If the actual use of daycare days exceeds the agreement for two consecutive calendar months, the agreement is amended to reflect the actual need for service.

Maximum and minimum fee

In fulltime daycare, the maximum monthly fee is 289 euro per child. Monthly fees below 27 euro are not charged. The fee for half daycare is 60 % of the fulltime fee, maximum 173 euro per month.

Family size	Income limit that causes the highest fee (289,00 €)
2	4802,93
3	5413,93
4	5780,93
5	6147,93
6	6513,93

The family can also consent to pay the highest fee using the Client Fee Form or the early education electronic service at <http://www.tampere.fi/paivahoito-ja-koulutus/paivahoito/verkkooasointi.html> in which case no other income documents or information needs to be submitted. The consent is valid until further notice.

Sibling discount

The family's first child always refers to the family's youngest child in daycare. When the family has several children in daycare, the fee for the second youngest child in full daycare is 50 % of the fee charged for the first child. The charge for additional children is 20 % of the fee charged for the first child.

Revision of the fee

The daycare centre must be notified of changes in the family's circumstances. Changes in income shall be declared using the Client Fee Form for Changes with necessary appendices. The daycare fee will be revised if the family's combined income changes by at least 10 %, or if the charge proves to be incorrect or if there is a change in the family size. If there is a change in the family's income, the revision will take effect from the beginning of the month following the month of the change. If there is a change in income taking place on the first day of a month, the revision will take effect from the beginning of that month. If there is a change in the family size, the revision will take effect from the day the city is notified in written form of the change, if the change lowers the fee, or from the day the change is recorded in civil registry, if the change raises the fee. If the fee has been determined based on faulty or incomplete information given by the client or the client's representative, the fee can be adjusted retroactively for 12 months prior to the revision.

Fee for July

Generally, the daycare fee is charged for 11 months of the operating year (1.8.-31.7.). July is free of charge if the child has had a continuous daycare agreement from the August of the prior year or earlier. If the child moves from another municipality's daycare to municipal daycare in Tampere without interruptions, the agreement is regarded to have been continuous.

Summertime extra

A decision will be made every year whether or not there will be additional time free of daycare fees by The Education and Culture Committee of the City of Tampere. Clients will be informed using the notice boards.

Absence from daycare and fees

If the child is absent from daycare due to illness for at least 11 days during a calendar month, half of the monthly fee will be charged. If the child is absent from daycare due to illness for an entire calendar month, no fee is charged for said month. If a child is absent due to any other reason than illness for an entire calendar month, half of the monthly fee will be charged. In all other cases the monthly fee will always be charged. If there is a daycare service day agreement (10 or 15 days of daycare per month), the days of absence only count when they coincide with agreed daycare days.

Beginning and termination of daycare

If the daycare begins or terminates in the middle of a month, the fee is charged for the booked days. If the child is absent due to any reason, such days are included in the booked daycare days. Notice of the termination must be made in writing using the Termination of Service Form.

Please take notice that after you have received a notification of a service agreement for daycare, you have two weeks to confirm your starting date. Daycare fees are charged from that date.

Temporary daycare

Temporary daycare costs 20 euro/day/child. A family can buy a maximum of five (5) temporary daycare days per month.

Inquiries

Further information on daycare fees is available by phone from Monday to Friday 9.00-11.00 tel. 040 180 8476. You can also contact by email using the address asiakasmaksut.paivahoito@tampere.fi

Reducing daycare fees

Reduction of daycare fee can be applied from the Customer Service Manager. The application forms are available at the daycare centres or online. The decisions are subject to the grounds for preventive income security and related rules for application. Daycare fee reductions are not generally applied retroactively: reduction takes place from the beginning of the month during which the application was submitted to the Customer Service Manager.

Overdue daycare fees

Overdue daycare fees are subject to a penalty interest, which is the Bank of Finland's reference rate added with 7 percentage units, as provided by the Interest Act. Overdue fees are transferred to a debt collection agency.

**Any changes affecting the daycare fee must be reported
without delay on the appropriate form.**

**All necessary forms, addresses and phone numbers are available at
<http://www.tampere.fi/en/daycare-and-education/day-care/application.html>**