



## CHANGES TO CLIENT FEES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FROM 1 MARCH 2023

The Finnish Parliament has decided to amend section 5 of the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care from 1 March 2023. The act was passed on 29 December 2022. The decision reduces client fees by raising the income thresholds used in the calculation. The Kotka Education Board discussed the matter on 25 January 2023.

If you have accepted the highest fee bracket, please check the new income thresholds and provide income information if you wish; the payment may be reduced.

The change does not require any actions from clients if their income information is up to date.

### Changes coming into effect on 1 March 2023

The Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care has been amended by raising the income thresholds for families of all sizes.

The fee percentage charged for a sibling remains unchanged at 40% of the full-time early childhood education client fee for the youngest child. The fee for each subsequent child is up to 20% of the full-time early childhood education client fee for the youngest child.

According to the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care, the maximum fee is still €295 per month. The minimum fee charged is €28 per month.

### Client fee income thresholds as of 1 March 2023:

Family size (persons)	Income threshold 1 August 2022, € per month	Income threshold 1 March 2023, € per month	Fee percentage	Payment starting at €28, income at least	Maximum fee €295, if income exceeds
2	2,913	3,874	10.70%	4,136	6,626
3	3,758	4,998	10.70%	5,260	7,750
4	4,267	5,675	10.70%	5,937	8,427
5	4,777	6,353	10.70%	6,615	9,105
6	5,284	7,028	10.70%	7,290	9,780

If the family includes more than six people, the income threshold that the fee is based on will rise by €262 for each subsequent underage child.

More information on questions related to client fees:

- Client fee telephone service, tel. +358 5 234 7850  
(Mon 9.00–12.00 and 13.00–15.00, Tue 9.00–12.00, Thu 13.00–15.00)
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Best regards,  
Kotka's Early Childhood Education

