



Maximum hours of early childhood education per calendar month to be extended on 1 August 2019

The maximum hours per calendar month in the service needs of early childhood education will be extended as of 1 August 2019. This is because according to Section 4 of the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care [1503/2016](#) the fee is charged as a monthly fee, but the service needs are agreed upon based on average weekly hours according to Section 6.

At the turn of the month, the average weekly hours have therefore been divided between two months. The Education Committee extended the maximum hours per calendar month on [24 April 2019 \(Section 64\)](#) as follows:

- 35% of the full-time fee determined for the family when the service need is no more than 42 hours per calendar month, meaning an average of no more than 10 hours per week,
- 50% when the child's need for services is no more than 20 hours per week on average and when the child spends no more than 84 hours per calendar month on average in 24-hour early childhood education,
- 65% when the child's need for services is no more than 27.5 hours per week on average and when the child spends no more than 116 hours per calendar month on average in 24-hour early childhood education,
- 85% when the child's need for services is no more than 35 hours per week on average and when the child spends no more than 147 hours per calendar month on average in 24-hour early childhood education, and
- 100% when the child's need for services is at least 35 hours per week on average and when the child spends at least 147 hours per calendar month on average in 24-hour early childhood education.

The decision means that you will have more hours available for your child's early childhood education per calendar month with the same rates. The change does not require any actions on your part.

In 24-hour early childhood education, however, the new service needs are agreed upon separately with each family.

Best regards,
Early Childhood Education