

The maximum fee for full-time early childhood education will decrease and the income limits will be raised starting from 1 August 2018

The income limits that serve as the basis for calculating the early childhood education fees will be raised. Many families will find their client fees decreasing as the income limits will be raised.

If you have agreed to the charging of the maximum fee without providing your income information, you should check your family's income in relation to the new income limits. As the income limits will be raised, not all who currently pay the maximum fee will belong to this fee group in the future.

Please submit your income information through the Early Childhood Education E-services if you wish your client fee to be based on your income information in the future.

You can estimate your client fee with the day care fee calculator at: [a fee calculator](#)

If your client fee has been based on your income information and this information has not changed, the change in the income limits will neither require any action from you, nor will you need to submit new income information.

In August, we will send **to every family a new fee decision**, which will take the new income limits into account.

If you would like to submit new income information for the recalculation of your client fee, please do so by the end of August 2018 via the Early Childhood Education [E-services](#) or by sending an income statement form to Early Childhood Education's client fee services in accordance with the instructions provided on the form. Changes will not be implemented retroactively.

The income limits that serve as the basis for calculating the fee have been raised, resulting in a reduction of client fees for low- and middle-income families. Size of the family, number of people	Current income limit, €/month, starting from 1 January 2018	Maximum fee %	Income limit, €/month, starting from 1 August 2018	Maximum fee %
2	2,050	10.7	2,102	10.7
3	2,646	10.7	2,713	10.7
4	3,003	10.7	3,080	10.7
5	3,361	10.7	3,447	10.7
6	3,718	10.7	3,813	10.7

The Ministry of Education and Culture announced on 8 December 2017 that an index increase applicable to the income limits that serve as the basis for calculating the early childhood education fees will come into effect starting from 1 August 2018.

In a meeting held on 11 April 2018, the Education Committee decided to adopt the index increase to the income limits.

The fee will continue to be determined based on the family's size and income as well as the hours reserved for early childhood education per calendar month. The income that forms the basis for the fee will remain the same.

The maximum fee will be imposed if the applicant does not report the family's income ([Education Committee 18 January 2017, Section 3](#)).

The early childhood education fee decision is family-specific and shows the fees for each of the family's children separately.

More information:

Decision made by the Education Committee [on 11 April 2018, Section 59](#), regarding early childhood education fees. [Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care 1503/2016](#)