

Applying for a fee exemption or a halving of the client fee for afternoon activities

Afternoon activity fees

The fees for afternoon activities in basic education as of 1 August 2025 are as follows:

- €120 if the child participates in the activities for 12 days per month
- €160 if the child participates in the activities over 12 days per month

The child participates in the afternoon activities	Monthly fee	The child is ill for more than 10 days/month	The child is ill for a whole calendar month	The child is absent for the whole calendar month for a reason other than their own illness
12 days / month 570 h / year	€120	€60	0	€60
over 12 days / month 760 h / year	€160	€80	0	€80

The invoice cannot be divided between the guardians.

Applying for a fee exemption

The fee exemption is applied for with a separate application. Application and its attachments are submitted at the same time, incomplete applications will not be processed.

The fee exemption application and the latest attachments are submitted

- to the following address when the child starts in an afternoon activity group: Kasvun ja oppimisen palvelualue, Perusopetuksen tukipalvelut / iltapäivätoiminta, Suokatu 42, 70100 Kuopio **or** they can be left in the post boxes outside entrance A at Suokatu 42.
- The application and its attachments can be submitted electronically as an attachment to a secure email. You can request a secure email message from iltapaivatoiminta@kuopio.fi.

You can find printable instructions and forms at kuopio.fi/perusopetuksen-iltapaivatoiminta page.

Income on which exemption from the fee for afternoon activities is based

The gross income limits for client fees in early childhood education are used to determine the fee exemption:

Family size	Income limit August
	1st 2024 euros/month
family of 2 persons	4066
family of 3 persons	5245
family of 5 persons	5956
family of 5 persons	6667
family of 6 persons	7376

The income limit for families of more than six will be increased by €275 for each subsequent child as of 1 August 2024.

A fee exemption is granted if the family's income is below the income limit for free-of-charge day care, if the family receives social assistance, or by a statement from child welfare / social worker. The guardian or authority submits the statement to the school board as an attachment to the application. Family size accounts for persons sharing a common household in a married or cohabiting relationship and for minor children living in the same household with them according to the Population Information System.

Appendices to be attached to the application for exemption

- Payslip or salary certificate from the employer. A 5% holiday allowance is added to the monthly income, unless the client provides evidence showing a different percentage for the holiday allowance, or evidence showing that the employer does not pay any holiday allowance. If there is no bank statement or salary certificate available (new employment), an estimate of the monthly income must be provided. Where estimated information is used, the actual income information must be provided later.
- If the income varies from month to month, the salary certificate must indicate the annual income for the previous year.
- A copy of the decisions on labour market subsidy, daily allowance, and/or pension.
- Decision on the child's pension, broken down for each child enrolled in afternoon activities.

- A copy of the agreement or receipt of the received child maintenance allowance or maintenance support, broken down for each child in afternoon activities.
- Certificate of scholarships or grants for research and art.
- Receipt of flexible care allowance.
- A copy of the agreement and/or receipt of paid child maintenance allowance or maintenance support.
- A student's study certificate and a certificate of study allowance, as well as a certificate of income from wages during studies.
- For income from business, professional, or agricultural activities, a reliable report based on accounting from the previous financial year must be provided, including an income statement and balance sheet, a tax certificate from the most recently confirmed taxation, and a preliminary tax calculation for the current year. A new entrepreneur must provide a possible start-up grant decision and an estimate of business income. For business in the form of a limited liability company, a salary certificate, a statement of capital income (dividend income) and fringe benefits must be submitted. A statement by the accountant on the entrepreneur's monthly income is a sufficient declaration of income. Agricultural and forestry entrepreneurs submit a tax certificate for the most recent confirmed taxation.

Family's income includes the taxable earned and capital income, as well as tax-exempt income, of the service user and the persons living in the same household with them in a marriage or marriage-like relationship.

If the monthly income varies, the average monthly income or taxable income confirmed in taxation are taken into account as monthly income, increased by the percentages determined by the tax administration. Forest income is determined based on the average annual yield of the forest, as specified in Section 7, Subsection 3 of the Act on the Valuation of Assets for Tax Purposes (1142/2005), under which the tax administration establishes the average annual yield of the forest.

Income does not include child benefits, benefits under the Act on Disability Benefits, child increase under the National Pensions Act, housing allowance, medical and examination expenses reimbursed on the basis of accident insurance, conscript's allowance, front-line veteran's supplement, study grant, adult education allowance by the Education Fund, student grant housing supplement, activity allowance and compensations for travel expenses paid as basic social assistance, maintenance allowance under the Act on National Insurance Institution Rehabilitation Assistance and Benefits, maintenance allowance under the Act on Public Employment Services, grants and similar benefits given for studies, family carer reimbursements for expenses nor child home care allowance.

Deductions from income include child maintenance support and other comparable costs arising from actual family relationships, and monetary benefits reserved for a fixed term or for life in connection with the transfer of real estate (syytinki).

Applying for a halving of the client fee

A separate application shall be submitted for halving of the client fee. **The fee is reduced by one half** if at least three children in the family are enrolled in afternoon activities and/or in day care. Family size accounts for persons sharing a common household in a married or cohabiting relationship and for minor children living in the same household with them according to the Population Information System.

You can find printable instructions and forms at kuopio.fi/perusopetuksen-iltapaivatoiminta page.

If there is a substantial (+/- 10%) change in family size or income, a new income statement form and its attachments must be submitted immediately to the persons responsible for invoicing. The fee is usually adjusted from the beginning of the month following the change. The decision is made for a maximum of one school year at a time. **Decisions are not made retrospectively.**

The afternoon activity secretary and afternoon activity planner check the fee exemption applications and their attachments. The decision-making process is carried out by the afternoon activity planner. (Operational code of the Service Area for Education and Learning, Section 11 B).

Please find more information about afternoon activities, printable instructions and forms at www.kuopio.fi/perusopetuksen-iltapaivatoiminta

Afternoon activities planner and afternoon activities secretary provide more information by phone 044 7181388 (service telephone for afternoon activities) or at iltapaivatoiminta@kuopio.fi (service e-mail for afternoon activities).

Telephone service hours are

- *Mondays 13.00 to 15.00*
 - *Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.00 to 11.00*
- A personal appointment must be made in advance by telephone or e-mail.*