

Applying for a fee exemption or halving of the activity fee

Afternoon activity fees

As of 01 August 2025, the fees for afternoon activities in basic education are:

- €120, if the child attends a maximum of 12 days of activities per calendar month
- €160, if the child attends more than 12 days of activities per calendar month

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

Invoices cannot be split between guardians

Applying for a fee exemption

- A fee exemption may be applied for at the start of the school year in August, or when the child starts attending the afternoon activity group.
- A fee exemption may be applied for online, via the e-services. A link to the online application form can be found on the afternoon activities page. For more information: <https://www.kuopio.fi/en/early-childhood-education-and-care-education-and-youth-services/basic-education/afternoon-activities-and-school-club-activities/>
- A fee exemption may also be applied for using a paper application form, with the latest statements and certificates appended. The application form, certificates and statements should be returned to: City of Kuopio, Service Area for Education and Learning, Afternoon Activities, PO Box 1097, 70111 Kuopio, or can be submitted at Valtuustotalon, Suokatu 42, using the postbox outside stairwell A.
- A fee exemption may also be applied for by attaching the application form (and appendices) to a secure email to the relevant authority. Instructions for sending a secure email can be found at <https://www.kuopio.fi/en/city-of-kuopio/services-and-advice/secure-e-mail/>.
- **Incomplete application forms will not be processed.**

Printable instructions and application forms can be found at: www.kuopio.fi/en/early-childhood-education-and-care-education-and-youth-services/basic-education/afternoon-activities-and-school-club-activities/.

The basis for an exemption from afternoon activity fees is income level

When determining entitlement to a fee exemption, the following gross income limits for early childhood education and care client fees are used:

Family size	Income limit from 01 August 2024 euros/month	Income limit from 01 August 2026 euros/month
two-person family	4,066	4,369
three-person family	5,245	5,635
four-person family	5,956	6,399
five-person family	6,667	7,163
six-person family	7,376	7,925

The income limit for families of more than six is increased by €275 for each subsequent minor child as of 01 August 2024 and €295 as of 01 August 2026.

A fee exemption is granted if the family's income is below the income limit for early childhood education and care client fees, if the family receive social assistance, or on the basis of a statement from a Child Welfare social worker. The guardian or authority must provide the statement to the school authority as an attachment to the application form. Family size includes persons living in a common household in a married or cohabiting relationship and minor children living in the same household according to the Population Information System.

Appendices to be attached to the application for a fee exemption

- Where a sibling receives free-of-charge early childhood education and care, the most recent early childhood education and care client fee decision.
- A payslip or salary certificate from the employer. A 5% holiday allowance will be 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 for child maintenance allowance or maintenance support received, broken down for each child in afternoon activities.
- Certificate of scholarships or grants for research and art.
- Proof of flexible care allowance.
- A copy of the agreement and/or receipt for child maintenance allowance or maintenance support paid.
- For students, proof of studies 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 accounts from the previous financial year must be provided, including an income statement and balance sheet, a tax certificate from the most recently confirmed taxation data, and a preliminary tax calculation for the current year. A new entrepreneur must provide a start-up grant decision, if relevant, and an estimate of business income. For business in the form of a limited liability company, a salary certificate and a statement of capital income (dividend income) and benefits in kind must be submitted. A statement from an accountant regarding the entrepreneur's monthly income is a sufficient declaration of income. Agricultural and forestry entrepreneurs must submit a tax certificate for the most recent confirmed taxation data.

The 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 data 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(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 from the Education Fund, student grant housing supplement, activity allowance and compensation 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 or child home care allowance.

Deductions from income include child maintenance support paid and other comparable costs paid 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

- An application may be made to half the activity fee at the start of the school year in August, or when the child starts in the afternoon activity group.
- The activity fee will be halved if there are at least three children in the family in afternoon activities and/or early childhood education and care.
- Halving of the activity fee can be applied for online, via the e-services. A link to the online application form can be found on the afternoon activities page. For more information: <https://www.kuopio.fi/en/early-childhood-education-and-care-education-and-youth-services/basic-education/afternoon-activities-and-school-club-activities/>
- Halving of the fee can also be applied for using a paper application form, which must be returned to: City of Kuopio, Service Area for Education and Learning, Afternoon Activities, PO Box 1097, 70111 Kuopio, or it may be delivered to Valtuustotalo, Suokatu 42, and placed in the postbox outside stairwell A.
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Decisions are made from the start of the month when the application was received. Incomplete application forms will not be processed and decisions will not be made retrospectively.

If the information provided changes after the decision has been made (e.g. substantial changes to income (+/- 10%), change to the size of the family), the persons responsible for afternoon activities must be informed immediately. If a fee exemption or the halving of the activity fee has been granted on the basis of incorrect information, retrospective activity fees may be charged. The application and decision are confidential (Act on the Openness of Government Activities, Section 24.1(30)).

The afternoon activities secretary and planner will check applications and their appendices. Decisions are made by the afternoon activities planner. (Operational code of the Service Area for Education and Learning, Section 11B).

Further information about afternoon activities, and printable instructions and application forms, can be found at www.kuopio.fi/en/early-childhood-education-and-care-education-and-youth-services/basic-education/afternoon-activities-and-school-club-activities/.

Additional information is also available by contacting the afternoon activities planner and secretary by phone: 044 7181388 (afternoon activities line), or email iltapaivatoiminta@kuopio.fi (afternoon activities email address).

The phoneline is staffed

- *Mondays 13:00–15:00*
- *Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:00–11:00*
In-person meetings must be booked in advance by phone or email.
- *Visiting address: Valtuustotalo, Suokatu 42*