

How to pay for kindergarten in Eidsvoll

PAYMENT RATES

The government has set a maximum monthly rate for each child attending full-day kindergarten. The current rates can be found on the municipality's website.

You do not pay for the month of July.

A full-day means 41 hours or more at kindergarten each week.

The rate for shorter weeks is set by the kindergarten's owner.

The owner of the kindergarten may charge an additional fee for extra costs.

MODERATION SCHEMES

Reduced payment based on income

You may be eligible for a reduced payment when the amount paid per child makes up a maximum of six percent of your total household income, if:

- a) the maximum payment for an entire year of kindergarten amounts to more than six percent of your household income for the past year, or
- b) your household income for the year decreased permanently, which means the amount you pay for one year of kindergarten amounts to more than six percent of your household income.

Valid reasons for decreased income: a death in the family, marital breakup, loss of income from employment etc. The applicant must then submit documentation to the municipality explaining the reason for the decrease in income. The municipality will then assess your case to determine whether the reduction is permanent and whether you are eligible for the reduction.

Sibling moderation

Sibling moderation amounts to 30% for child number 2. A 50% moderation is given for child number 3 and each additional child. Child number 2 is the second oldest child attending kindergarten, and child number 3 is the third oldest child attending kindergarten. The reduction is also given in cases where the siblings attend different kindergartens in Eidsvoll. Moderation applies to siblings who live together permanently in the same household.

Children are considered permanent residents at their designated address in the Norwegian Population Register. Siblings are defined as full-siblings and half-siblings. Step-siblings are defined differently. Parents/guardians responsible for foster children are also entitled to sibling moderation when other conditions and legal provisions are met.

Free core- time based on the child's age and income

A payment exemption is granted for 20 hours per week for all children as of 01 August in the calendar year they become two years old until the start of school if;

- a) the maximum total household income for the previous year is lower than the income limit set by the Norwegian Parliament (Storting), or
- b) your permanent household income decreased this year, which means the total household income is lower than the income limit set by the Norwegian Parliament.

PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE VARIOUS SCHEMES

Sibling moderation is granted automatically.

You can submit an application to the municipality on behalf of your household for a reduction in kindergarten payments and free core time. For applications submitted before 01 August, the municipality's decision will apply from 01 August until the end of the kindergarten year. If you apply after 01 August, the decision will apply from the first full month after the date of your application and until the end of the kindergarten year.

The combined household income is based on the incomes of the spouses, registered partners and cohabitants. Cohabitants are two unmarried persons over the age of 18 living in the same household who have lived together in a marriage-like relationship for at least 12 of the last 18 months, or have joint children. If the applicant is a cohabitant without a joint child, the applicant must state this explicitly.

If the child's parent/guardian lives separately and the child lives with both parents on a permanent basis, the parental payment is calculated on the income in the household that has the same population register address as the child.

According to the Regulations, *household income* means the total personal income of the household pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Norwegian Taxation Act and all taxable capital income.

PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

The application must be sent to the municipality in which the child is domiciled/registered.

The municipality shall gather all necessary information to process the application for reduced parental payment and free core time. The municipality must obtain the name of the child for whom moderation is sought, and the names of persons in the household where the child is registered as an applicant; see Section 3d(2).

The municipality may, without hindrance of confidentiality, obtain the documents for the last determination of wealth and income tax for the household from the tax authorities in order to document the household's income for the past year; see Section 3-3a of the Tax Administration Act.

If the application for reduced parental payment applies to the entire time the child has a kindergarten place in the municipality, the municipality may obtain the information mentioned in the first sentence and make new decisions about moderation as long as the child attends kindergarten.

If the documentation for the last determination of wealth and income tax for the household cannot be disclosed by the tax authorities and the municipality for this reason is unable to make a decision before 01 August, the municipality shall ask the applicant to submit his or her tax return for the previous and any documentation on taxable capital or personal income that has not been provided in the past.

If a child has a space in non-municipal kindergarten, the municipality will reimburse the kindergarten owner's lack of income as a result of the moderation schemes.

A copy of the decision will be sent to the relevant kindergarten that initiates the correct invoicing.

Appeals against the decision must be sent to the municipality. Processing appeals takes place in accordance with applicable provisions stated in the Public Administration Act.

Appeals that are not accepted will be processed by the municipality's appeals board.