

Non-collection or reduction of basic education afternoon activities' client fees / Instruction for guardians for school year 2025-2026

What do afternoon activities cost in Espoo?

Afternoon activities' fees:

- Part-time afternoon activities (until 3 pm), client fee 90€/ month
- Full-time afternoon activities (until 5 pm), client fee 150€/ month
- A full fee is charged in August
- June is free of charge

Client fee is the same in all Espoo city's afternoon activity units. The fee is the same for all activity months during the school year.

Invoice for afternoon activities is sent once a month, after the activity month has ended.

What does the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities mean?

If a child has a place in afternoon activities, the child's guardian can apply for the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities' fees. The non-collection of fees means that no fee will be charged of the afternoon activities. The reduction of fees means that only half of the afternoon activities' fee will be charged. The decision concerning the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities' fees is made based on family size and gross income. Afternoon activities' fee relief income limits are decided by the city board.

How do I apply for the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities' fees?

Applications can be submitted after the child has been granted a place in afternoon activities by the city. It is recommended that the application should be submitted as soon as possible, because the decision for the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities fees can be made starting from the month the application has arrived to the Swedish Education and Cultural Services.

The application must be filled in by a guardian who is registered in the Population Register as living in the same address as the child in question.

A separate application must be done to each child, who has a place in afternoon activities and lives in the same family. The non-collection or reduction of afternoon

activities' fees can be applied with a printable application form. This form can be found on the Espoo city webpages: [Forms and instructions](#).

The application form is filled in carefully and signed. It is important to attach copies of up-to-date income information (no bank statements):

- Pay slip/certificate
- Students: proof of studies or participation in vocational training, income receipts
- Unemployment benefits
- Maternity allowance, parental allowance
- Child alimony
- Pension
- Investment income
- Details of all other regular income(s)

The handling of applications sent with insufficient information or without the necessary appendices will be delayed. It is possible to handle an application only when all necessary information is delivered. Information regarding Kela benefits that affect the decision can be checked by Espoo city officials in Kela's Keltu system.

The applicant is responsible for reporting, in writing and with attachments, any substantial changes in the family income also during the school year. The applicant must also report all changes in family size. Changes must be reported to the Swedish Education and Cultural Services either by mail or by email to eftis@esbo.fi address. If a decision on the non-collection or reduction of a client fee has been made based on incorrect information provided by the family, the decision may be reversed, and the unpaid fees are collected retroactively.

Where can I get help with the application process?

Please contact the Espoo city service points by visiting in Kalajärvi, Leppävaara or Matinkylä or by calling the service points tel. 09-816 21. You can also send e-mail to info@espoo.fi or eftis@esbo.fi.

Where do I send the application?

Applications and all necessary income attachments are sent to:

Svenska bildningstjänster Eftermiddagsverksamhet, PB 32, 02070 Esbo stad.

or the documents can be dropped off to Espoo city service points in Kalajärvi, Leppävaara or Matinkylä.

If necessary, guardians can send applications and attachments by email to eftis@esbo.fi address. When sending sensitive data by email guardian should take into consideration information security.

How do I get the decision?

The decisions on the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities fees are handled in arriving order starting in August.

The decision for the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities' fees is sent to guardians by mail. The decision cannot be sent by e-mail because the decision includes confidential information.

What does the decision include?

The decision for the non-collection or reduction of afternoon activities' fees is valid for a specified time. The decision is valid for a maximum of a school year.

The decision on the non-collection or reduction of client fees is made by the Development manager of the Swedish Education and Cultural Services.

The non-collection or reduction of client fees can be granted **starting from the month the application and appendices have arrived** to the Swedish Education and Cultural Services.

What are the afternoon activities' fees gross income limits?

The Espoo city board has decided 25.3.2024 § 65 on the principles regarding the non-collection and reduction of basic education afternoon activities' client fees and the gross income limits.

Payment relief income limits

Family size (e.g., 2: 1 adult and 1 child)	Reduction of fees (-50% of fee) gross income €/month	Non-collection of fees (exemption) gross income €/month
2	2981	2297
3	3662	2965
4	4352	3366
5	4506	3768
6	4658	4168

Gross income limits starting 1.8.2024. The income limits are reviewed every two years or if necessary, in case of possible changes in acts or decisions.

Family size includes all married individuals or those living in a relationship resembling marriage and their under-age children living in the same household.

All earned income, income from capital that is liable to taxation as well as the tax-exempt income of the child, parent or other guardian and their spouse or other person living in a relationship resembling a marriage in the same household is considered as income in the decision-making process. A holiday bonus of 5% will be added to the amount reported as earned income.

Incomes of other children in the family will not be taken into account in the decision concerning the non-collection or reduction of fees for an individual child.

The following will not be taken into account as income: child home care allowance, child benefit, benefit according to the Disability Benefits Act (570/2007), child increase according to the National Pensions Act (568/2007), housing allowance, medical examination and treatment costs based on an accident insurance, conscript's allowance, front-veteran's supplement, study grant, adult education subsidy, housing supplement for students, activity pay and reimbursement for travel costs paid in the form of income support, maintenance allowance according to the Act on the Rehabilitation Benefits and Rehabilitation Allowance Granted by the Social Insurance Institution (566/2005), maintenance allowance according to the Act on Public Employment and Business Service (916/2012), scholarships and other corresponding financial grants for studying, or reimbursement for costs of foster care. Income deductions can be made based on the child alimony paid to children outside the family and other corresponding expenses resulting from actual family relations as well as traditional life-annuity.

What if I have an irregular income?

If the family income varies from month to month, the applicant must report the average monthly income of the previous year.

Entrepreneurs: please fill in carefully number 8 in the application form. For more information, please contact eftis@esbo.fi.