



Client notice

## Change to the municipal supplement of child home care allowance starting from 1 June 2021

In a meeting on 15 December 2020, the Education Committee decided to limit the Helsinki supplement of child home care allowance to children under the age of 1, starting from 1 June 2021.

Starting from 1 June 2021, the Helsinki supplement of child home care allowance will be removed from children over the age of 1.

**Starting from 1 June 2021, the Helsinki supplement of child home care allowance for children under the age of 1 will be €264 per month.**

### Granting child home care allowance

Child home care allowance can be applied for by families who have a child under the age of 3 being taken care of at home by the child's parent, the married or cohabiting spouse of the parent or guardian, a hired caregiver or other person who looks after the child. Payment of the allowance ends at the latest when the family's youngest child turns 3.

Information on child home care allowance can be found at <https://www.kela.fi/web/en/child-home-care-allowance> and [www.hel.fi/homecareallowance](http://www.hel.fi/homecareallowance)

### Child home care allowance consists of statutory portions (care allowance and care supplement) and a municipal supplement (Helsinki supplement)

- The care allowance for a child under the age of 3 being taken care of at home is €342.95/month, in addition to which €102.67 is paid for other siblings in the family under the age of 3 who are being taken care of at home and €65.97 is paid for other siblings over the age of 3 but under school age.
- The income-dependent care supplement is €0–183.53/month. It is family-specific and only paid for one child.
- The municipality may also pay a municipal supplement. The Helsinki supplement is only paid for the family's youngest child for whom child home care allowance is paid.
- **Change to the Helsinki supplement: Starting from 1 June 2021, €264/month will be paid as the Helsinki supplement for children under the age of 1.** The Helsinki supplement will not be paid for children over the age of 1 starting from 1 June 2021.

### Applying for the allowance

You can apply for child home care allowance and the Helsinki supplement from Kela, either electronically or by completing application form WH1. For instructions on applying for the allowance, see <https://www.kela.fi/web/en/child-home-care-allowance>.

### Applying for a place in early childhood education and care

You should apply for a place in early childhood education and care no later than four months before your need for it will begin or as soon as you become aware of the need. You can check out the early childhood education and care options and the process of applying for them and apply for a place in municipal childhood



education and care electronically via <https://www.hel.fi/helsinki/en/childhood-and-education/day-care/options> and [asiointi.hel.fi](https://asiointi.hel.fi).

**Statutory portions of Child home care allowance and Helsinki supplement from 1 June 2021**

Child home care allowance	Care allowance*	Care supplement**	Helsinki supplement***	In total
Family has a child under 12 months of age	EUR 342.95	EUR 0 – 183.53	EUR 264	EUR 606.95 – 790,48
The child has turned 1, but is under 3 years of age	EUR 342.95	EUR 0 – 183.53	EUR 0	EUR 342.95 – 526.48

\* For other children under 3 years of age, care allowance is paid EUR 102.67 per child. For children who are over 3 years of age but under school age, care allowance is paid EUR 65.97 per child.

\*\* Care supplement is based on a family's gross earnings and family size. It is paid only for one child.

\*\*\* Helsinki supplement is paid only for the family's youngest child who is entitled to home care allowance.

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