



BERGEN
KOMMUNE

Reduced rates at kindergartens and before and after school clubs (SFO)

Low-income families can apply for kindergarten and before and after school club (SFO) places at a reduced rate. Core hours at kindergarten are also free if you are on a low income. Free core hours means that your child can attend kindergarten 20 hours per week at no cost to you.

You qualify for a reduced rate if your kindergarten/SFO fees amount to more than six per cent of your household's total income.

In order to apply for a reduced rate at a kindergarten and before and after school club, the applicant must be registered at the same address in the Norwegian Population Register as the child.

Before you can apply for a reduced rate, you must have accepted a place at kindergarten/SFO.

The reduced fees applies to attendance at kindergarten/SFO. You must still pay for food.

Families with multiple children at kindergarten/SFO can also receive a sibling discount, which means the fees are reduced. You do not need to apply for this.

How to apply

1. Sign in here: [Vigilo parent portal](#) (in Norwegian only).
2. Once you have signed in, you will see the name of your children who have a place at kindergarten or SFO. Select 'Søknader' in the menu on the left. Click 'Ny søknad' and select 'Redusert betaling'. Insert a cross for all the children you are applying for.
3. Insert all the taxpayers and capital income of the family registered at the same address as the child in the 'Samlet bruttoinntekt' field.
4. When processing your application, we automatically obtain documentation of the family's gross income from the Norwegian Tax Administration. Your tax return for the previous year is used as a basis for calculation.
5. You will receive a reply approx. three weeks after submitting your application. If you are entitled to reduced fees, you will pay the reduced rate already the month after you applied.

More information?

- Read more about income limits and reduced fee schemes: [City of Bergen – Apply for reduced parental fees for kindergarten and before and after school clubs \(SFO\)](#) (in Norwegian only).
- Innbyggerservice (Citizen Service Centre) can answer questions about reduced kindergarten and SFO fees. They can also help you apply if you and your child do not have a Norwegian personal identification number. Telephone: 55 66 55 56. You can also visit the Innbyggerservice in Kaigaten 4. Opening hours: 8 am - 3 pm.