Charging Scheme/ Parent’s Contribution

The financial securing of the care services is mainly covered through public funding. Parents themselves must pay a “Parents Contribution” to secure part of these costs.

The amount parents have to pay depends on the type of care and for how long (Half-day or full-day) they would like to make use of the service. The charging systems are listed in each of the providers’ articles.

Parents whose children visit a day nursery school must pay a contribution to the provider for the provision of a place in the facility.

The liability for contributions commences on the 1st of the month in which the child is accepted in the nursery school. The parent’s contribution is to be paid monthly in advance and is due at the latest by the third working day of the month.

The parent’s contribution is an annual contribution divided into 12 monthly payments. For this reason the contribution still has to be paid when the child is absent due to illness or holidays, and, for other reasons including when the facility is closed.

Allowances for parent’s contributions for children visiting day nursery schools

Under certain condition it is possible to be granted an allowance for the parent’s contribution.

Whether one is eligible for an allowance depends on the family’s income and the individual family situation, for example the number of family member and the amount of rent to be paid.

When checking to find out whether one is entitled to an allowance, all income such as:

- Net wage
- Christmas bonus, holiday pay or other special payments.
- Social security and assistance benefits (E.g. unemployment benefits I or II, accommodation allowance).
- Maintenance payments, maintenance advance payments.

will be taken into consideration, whereby an allowance will be determined on the grounds of your basic requirements (Income limit) according to the laws for social benefits.

When placing an application one must provide the following documents:

- Confirmation of your contribution provided by the facility’s provider.
- Documents stating your income.
- Document stating the amount of benefits you receive (Unemployment benefits / accommodation allowance).
- Rental agreement.
- Documents stating the amount of maintenance payments or maintenance advance payments you receive.
- Proof of the members of family stated – E.g. birth certificates and/or confirmation of registration provided by the “Registration Office for Residents.”
Provided you fall short of the income limit you will be granted an allowance for the contribution, the amount depends on how much you fall short of this limit.

The allowance will be paid directly to the nursery school provider. This has the advantage that you only have to pay the remaining part of the parent’s contribution.

The allowance will always be granted for the period of one year only.

Please make sure that you renew your application on time. You are committed to informing the authorities without delay if there have been alterations to your income or family situation. The granting of the allowance for the contribution will then be re-checked.

Where can one place an application for an allowance?

One can place an application with the “Amt für Kinder, Jugend und Familie” (Authority for children, youths and families) within the district centres at Team Service, KJHG-Ermäßigung. (Team Service KJHG – Reduction).

Detailed information and the staff responsible can be found under the service - Ermäßigung / Übernahme der Gebühr für Kindertageseinrichtungen (Reduction / Takeover of fees for day nursery schools).