

Checking of childcare fees

Are you paying the right childcare fee? It is a matter of justice that everyone pays the right fee for a place in preschool and fritids (after school care). The Educational Board decided in 2018 that Avesta Community / Child Care Services will carry out a fee check annually. This means that income data that is filled for childcare is compared with the household's taxed income at the Swedish Tax Agency.

Most people pay the right fee and will not be affected by this. If it appears that the income data you submitted to us does not match, the fee will be adjusted through the fee check. This means that you will subsequently be billed or get money back for the current year if the amount exceeds SEK 200.

The income data that each household has provided for the childcare fee is compared with the taxed annual income from the Swedish Tax Agency. The total annual income according to the Swedish Tax Agency's information is divided by 12, which gives an average monthly income. The check takes place with a two-year delay because the Swedish Tax Agency's data is not available earlier.

More information can be found under questions and answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Why do you conduct this check?

We want to check that everyone has paid the right fee. It is a fairness and security issue that families are treated equally and pay a fee according to the applicable tax.

Who has decided that the check will be carried out?

The Avesta Board of Education decided that this check will be carried out annually from 2018. The check is based on declared income data from the Swedish Tax Agency.

Is my income automatically updated?

No, the income is not automatically updated. You are responsible for communicating the right income and family relationship so that the household tax will be correct. Family relationship means people with shared households, spouses / cohabitants, whether or not children are together or not.

How is the right fee calculated?

The total annual income (before tax) according to the Swedish Tax Agency's information is divided by 12. The sum is then compared with the income statement you submitted to Child Care (using the online service).

Will everyone get an invoice?

No, only people who have paid too low a fee will receive an invoice.

When do I get my invoice?

We will be billing in different sessions starting in February/Mars. The first to receive invoices are the invoice recipients who have a birth month in January, February and March.

If you find that the invoice itself is incorrect and would like to contest it, you must do so in writing. All supporting documents relating to gross income (income before tax) shall be enclosed. This may include salary specifications, unemployment statements, certificate of studies, sickness and parental allowance or the like.

When will the invoice be paid?

According to the due date stated on the invoice.

I can not pay my entire invoice on the expiration date. Where should I turn?

If you can not pay your entire invoice, you will be able to set up a payment plan.

Send your case to avgiftskontroll.barnomsorg@avesta.se and we will contact you.

The invoice can not be correct, how can I dispute it?

If you find that the invoice itself is incorrect and would like to dispute it, you must do so in writing. You will then need to submit documents to support your case. These may include salary specifications, unemployment statements, certificates of study, sickness and parental allowance or the like.

Send your disputes to:

Avesta Kommun
Bildningsförvaltningen
Avgiftskontroll
774 81 Avesta

How quickly must I pay if I have paid too little fees?

The invoice must be paid within 30 days.

Can I get money back if I have paid too much?

If you have registered too high an income and thus paid for a higher fee you will receive money back. This is expected to be refunded during the year.

I will get money back, but can't you take it off on the next regular bill?

Unfortunately, we can use the amount from the excess fee with the usual childcare payment due to technical reasons. It may also be the case that the family structure is not the same now as it was.

Are there any fees for a payment plan?

Yes, there are the customary interest rates and setup costs.

What is taxable income when calculating childcare fee?

Income means all the money that you pay taxes on.

Examples of taxable income:

- ☐ Salary and other remuneration in connection with employment
- ☐ Profitable income from a business
- ☐ Foster care benefits
- ☐ Pension (not child pension)
- ☐ Annuity
- ☐ Family allowance
- ☐ Sickness / temporary disability allowance
- ☐ Unemployment benefit
- ☐ Unemployment allowance
- ☐ Education grants for employment training (not CSN)
- ☐ Military family allowance in the form of child allowance
- ☐ Allowance for military training etc.
- ☐ Childcare allowance (for children)

What does not count as income?

Money that you do not pay taxes on is not counted as income, such as student support or loan, maintenance support, grants, compensation under the act of assistance to asylum seekers and more.

What have I done wrong when I have to pay money back?

The most common mistake is that you did not provide the correct income information via the online service. Another common reason is that you did not correctly count everything that is taxable in the monthly income or that you did not indicate any changes during the year.

Many applicants have not specified their family relationships according to the rules we have. The income of a cohabiting adult also forms the basis for the fee, even if that person is not the parent of your child.

We have separated, who will pay the invoice?

The invoice recipient is ultimately responsible. If you have stayed together during the current year, you have both responsibility for the invoice being paid.

We have separated, who gets the money back?

The money will be paid to the custodian who acted as invoice recipient at the time.

I have no childcare in Avesta Community anymore, how can I get an invoice?

The invoice will apply to a year when you still had childcare in Avesta.

I have been on maternity/paternity leave and did not receive income. Why must I pay monies owed?

Parental benefit is considered to be taxable income and should therefore be reported to childcare via the online service.

I have not previously received information about this implementation, how have you informed the public?

Posters with information have been posted at preschools and leisure centers. We have also informed the public via the community's website under 'children & education'.

How do I ensure that the correct childcare fee is paid?

By updating changes to your earnings data continuously using the online service. If you expect a gross income that differs from month to month you may need help, please contact the childcare office at barnomsorg@avesta.se

What is my childcare fee based on?

The fee is based on truthful information provided by custodians such as income data, family relationships and the basis for placement (guardian's employment).