Opportunity to apply for a price reduction for a kindergarten place

You do not automatically get a reduced price for a kindergarten place when you have a low income. You must apply for a reduction in the kindergarten fees.

Food costs are not covered by the arrangement.

An application can be made for a reduction in the fees paid by parents for one kindergarten year at a time.

Deadline for applications

- For new applicants
 Your application should be submitted within three weeks from the date on which you accepted the offer of a kindergarten place, and thereafter
 - annually and at the latest by the end of June in order for a ruling to be valid from the start of a new kindergarten year.
- For those that already have a child or children attending kindergarten

 The application for a reduction in fees paid by parents must be submitted annually and at the latest by the end of June in order for a ruling to be valid from the start of a new kindergarten year.

Free core time

Free core time means 20 hours free attendance per week at the kindergarten. If the child has a full day place you must pay for attendance in excess of the 20 hours.

- Applies to all 3, 4 and 5 year olds and children with deferred school start when the family/household has a total income of less than NOK 450 000 from 1st August 2017.
- The right to free core time applies from the commencement of the kindergarten year.
- This means that free core time applies to the intakes that have their last three years in kindergarten and to children with deferred school start.

Reduced price due to low income

Households with a total annual income of less that NOK 533 500 kroner (the amount was adjusted on 1.1.2018) can apply for reduced parents fees for one kindergarten place.

What income is included in the calculation?

Parents' fees are calculated on the total capital and personal taxable income generated in the <u>household</u>. This applies to both the parents' fees arrangement of maximum 6% of total annual income and the free core time.

- A household is defined as including a spouse, registered partner and cohabitant.
- Cohabitation is defined as two unmarried persons over the age of eighteen who are living together, and have lived together in a relationship comparable to marriage for at least twelve of the past eighteen months, or have a child or children together.
- If a child lives permanently with both parents, parent fees shall be calculated

on the basis of the total income in the household where the child is registered as domiciled in the National Registry.

How to apply?

Send your application to: Nord-Fron kommune, postmottak, Nedregt. 50, 2640 Vinstra.

Documentation of income

- Personal and capital income as shown in your last tax returns
- If your income circumstances have changed since your last tax returns, or if you do not have your tax returns, alternative documentation must also be enclosed.

This can be:

- Wage slip / confirmation of gross monthly / annual wage from your employer(s)
- Unemployment pay, disability pension, sick pay, AAP (arbeidsavklaringspenger) English: WAA (Work Assessment Allowance), pension and similar.
- Maternity grant
- Ruling by NAV (Social Security Office)
- Documentation from Statens Lånekasse The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund
- Qualification benefit or Introductory Grant
- Transitional benefit