#### SØKNAD OM REDUSERT FORELDREBETALING/GRATIS KJERNETID

(Jf Forskrift om foreldrebetaling i barnehager, § 3 Moderasjonsordninger).

Det kan søkes om reduksjon i betaling for opphold dersom husholdningens samlede inntekt er inntil kr 486.750,-. Se eventuelt våre nettsider <a href="www.sola.kommune.no">www.sola.kommune.no</a>. Søknadsskjema benyttes også til gratis kjernetid. Inntektsgrense gratis kjernetid er kr. 417 000,-. Søknadskjema anses mottatt når all dokumentasjon er vedlagt.

Opplysninger om husholdningen

Barnehagens navn:					Kjernetid:
Navn barn:					F.nr:
Navn barn:					F.nr:
Forsørger					F.nr:
Forsørger; ektefelle samboer/registrert partner					F.nr:
Husholdningens adresse					
Sivilstand: (sett kryss)	Enslig forsørger	Samboer	Gift	Annet	
Vedtak spes.ped:	ja	nei	Antall vedlegg:		
Tilleggs- opplysninger:					

### HUSHOLDNINGENS SAMLEDE ÅRSINNTEKT

All skattbar person- og kapitalinntekt må oppgis. Siste års selvangivelse med oversikt over skattepliktige kapital – og personinntekt vedlegges. Eventuelle endringer i inntekt må dokumenteres. Innvilget søknad gjelder som hovedregel for ett barnehageår om gangen. Søknader uten tilstrekkelig dokumentasjon vil bli returnert ubehandlet.

# Opplysninger om husholdningens inntekt pr år

1. Personinntekt	kr
1. Kapitalinntekt	kr
2. Personinntekt	kr
2. Kapitalinntekt	kr
Annen skattbar inntekt i familien	kr
Arbeidsledighetstrygd	kr
	kr
	kr

	kr
	kr
Sum pr år:	kr

Jeg/vi bekrefter at opplysningene er korrekt oppgitt. Endringer som kan påvirke reduksjonsbeløpet er en forpliktet til å gi opplysninger om, snarest råd. Jeg/vi er kjent med at uriktige eller tilbakeholdte opplysninger kan medføre krav om tilbakebetaling.

Dato:	Signatur:
	Signatur:

# Q&A: Reduced kindergarten payment (if income is NOK 486.750 or less)

# Is there an application deadline?

The right to reduced payment is maximum valid for one year at the time as long as annual income is within the limit. The reduction only applies for the monthly childcare fee, not payment for food. As soon as your child has a confirmed childcare place, you may apply for reduced payment. The deadline for registration of the application is  $28^{th}$  May if it is to be valid from August the same year. You may apply throughout the year. If you apply later then  $28^{th}$  of May, the reduction is normally given from the first billing date after all documentation has been received.

#### What is a household?

A household is defined as people living together as spouses, partners and registered partners. *Partners* is defined as unmarried people over 18 years who live or have lived together in a relationship for a minimum of 12 of the last 18 months, or who have children together.

#### What is personal income?

Personal income is defined as all kinds of personal income for example: salary/wages, remuneration from work, commission, freelancers, business income, income from self-employment, salary or benefits in relation to termination of a job, benefits from NAV, pension and introduction benefits.

<u>Please note:</u> Child support and children allowance is not to be included as personal income. *You are responsible of giving the correct information at all times, also if changes occur.* What is capital income?

Capital income is taxable capital gains for example; interest income, dividend income, gains from real estate and personal property sales, rental income, user rights in capital and gratuitous use of other people's belongings. It also includes capital abroad, e.g. real property, timeshare flats, household contents and moveable property, bank deposits, shares or bonds.

Can I use a pre-completed tax return prior to processing by the tax authorities? You may use a pre-completed tax return if it includes all current income, and as long as

additional information that is not pre-filled is added.

Examples of additional information:

- rental income from accounts-based assessed homes
- income earned abroad
- calculated personal income from self-employment
- interest income from private lending and interest from assets abroad

<u>Please note:</u> If you have taxable capital or personal income that is not stated on the prefilled tax return, you are obliged to inform about this when applying for reduced payment. The income and capital information must be correct at all times. If changes occur you are obliged to inform Sola kommune (Sola municipality) as soon as possible.

Sola kommune reserves the right to check the given information. If wrong information is given, Sola kommune will consider claiming a refund.

#### I do not have a tax assessment.

If you do not have the necessary documentation to apply, we accept other documents as proof of income, such as paycheck or a contract that confirm the salary. You must submit documentation when you apply. We can only handle application with all the necessary documentation included.

#### Changes in income since the last tax assessment.

You may submit other documentation of lower income if there have been substantial and lasting changes in income compared to last year's tax assessment.

Changes in income caused by long-term unemployment or other changes in the household must be documented. Examples of other documentation:

- paychecks that prove the changes in salary
- proof of granted unemployment benefits
- contract from employer
- proof of granted social benefits

<u>Please note:</u> You are responsible of giving us updated information if changes occur.

# Waiting for feedback from NAV, employer or others.

We can only handle your application when the necessary documentation is included.

Documentation from NAV, employer etc., must be attached to the application.

# Who can sign the application?

The child's parents or guardians should apply. The applicant have to be registered at the same address as the child they are applying for. The benefit applies for families and households with limited income. (See also question about household).

#### I am not personally paying for childcare

Keywords for qualifying:

- household
- personal and capital income
- the applicant's registered address

Please note that parents with children in kindergarten may have the right to get tax reduction. Because of this, it is important that the correct information about the actual applicant/person who is paying for childcare, is registered. Sola municipality automatically transfers this information, once a year, to the tax authorities.

# Can Sola municipality obtain documentation on my behalf?

No. You are responsible for obtaining and delivering the required information. If this document does not answer your questions regarding this, please send an email to: <a href="mailto:stab-barnehage@Sola.kommune.no">stab-barnehage@Sola.kommune.no</a>. We will only handle your application when we have received the required documentation.

In the case of separated parents, and the child is registered with the parent with lower income, while the other parent has a higher income and other address. Will the higher income affect the application?

No. Only the household's income at the address where the child is registered to live by Folkeregisteret are to be considered.

# There have been changes in the households members since last tax return

Please attach a written statement explaining when the changes took place, and if there are any new members of the household since the last tax return. You need to report all changes in household throughout the period of reduced payment.

#### I have received a pay rise after I applied

You are required to provide updated information showing the change in salary as soon as possible. Our decision may be reversed if your income exceeds the minimum wage or changes occur.

#### Is student loan considered as income?

No. Student loan is not taxable income.

#### When is the application considered received?

We consider the application received when all documentation is complete and the application is registered by Sola municipality. Applications received before 28<sup>th</sup> May will be processed before the first invoice in the upcoming kindergarten year. Each kindergarten year starts in August and ends in July next year.

#### From when does the reduction apply?

Reduction is normally given from the first billing date after all documentation has been received. Example: The application date is 10<sup>th</sup> of August, it arrives at the municipality 15<sup>th</sup> August, and you have attached all necessary documentation. The reduction will then apply from the September invoice. (We send out the September invoice in August, with due date 15<sup>th</sup> September.)

# My child has a part time place in childcare

You have the right to reduced payment even if your child is in childcare part time, as long as the household income is NOK 486.750 or less. Reduced payment applies for ordinary childcare, i.e. public or private kindergarten with full-day service 5 days a week (does not apply to "open kindergarten").

#### Can I get a sibling discount?

You can get a sibling discount for siblings living together at the same registered address. Siblings in the same kindergarten will automatically get the sibling discount. Kindergartens give sibling discounts within the same municipality if you give information to both kindergarten. Sibling discount is 30 % of the childcare fee for the second child and 50 % from the third child/fourth child and so on. If you are granted a payment reduction because of income, the amount sibling discount will also be adjusted.

# Do I have to send my application to both the municipality and the kindergarten?

Please send the application to the municipality in which you are registered in Folkeregisteret. Please note that we have some processing time. If you are granted a payment reduction, will Sola kommune notify both you and the kindergarten. You may be invoiced the full fee during the processing time, please pay all invoices you receive during this time.

# My child has a childcare place from the spring semester. Do I have to apply for reduced payment again for the autumn semester?

If there are no changes in income, your application may be valid throughout this and next year's kindergarten season. Example: If you apply for reduced payment on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May in 2015, and have a childcare place from April 2015, your granted application might be valid with the reduced payment from June 2015 and throughout the season of 2015/2016.

#### Can I get reduction for a limited time?

If you apply with other documentation than your tax return, you might be granted a temporary reduction in payment. This is due to potential future changes in income, which may lead to refund claims if you forget to update your information.

# Do I have to apply every year?

Yes. We recommend that you apply no later than 15<sup>th</sup> May for next year's kindergarten season.

#### Will the income limit change next year?

The maximum income limit may be changed and is determined in the Parliament's yearly budget resolutions in December. As soon as we get new information, we update our website.

# How long is the processing time?

We recommend that you send your application as soon as possible. The processing time will usually not exceed 3 week's, however, the processing time can be longer if you apply in June – September. Applications received from June to September will usually be processed in October.

# How do I know that you have received my application?

If you send the application to the correct address, you can assume that we receive it after a few days. If we have received your complete application and the processing time will be longer than 3 week's, we will send you a confirmation letter.

#### Where do I send the application?

Please send the application to the following address:

Sola kommune Oppvekst og kultur, avdeling barnehage Postboks 99 4097 Sola

#### Can I send my application by email?

Please note that we do not recommend to send your application by email, due to sensitive information.

If you still want to send your application by email, use this address: postmottak@sola.kommune.no and you will receive a confirmation via email.

# Where can I get help with my application?

You can ask the kindergarten manager to assist you.

Or you can get help by sending an email to <a href="mailto:stab-barnehage@sola.kommune.no">stab-barnehage@sola.kommune.no</a>. Alternatively, you can call the help desk in the city hall: 51 65 33 00 between 9 am-10.30 am.

If you want to see us in person, please arrange a meeting before visiting us at the city hall.

Or else we may not be available.

# Can I file a complaint if my application is not approved?

According to the law "Forvaltningsloven" you have a right to complaint. You must file the complaint within 3 weeks after your receive the answer letter.

If your opinion is that the answer is based on wrong income numbers, please state the reasons for your complaint, state your opinion on what the outcome should be and document the correct income in the letter of complaint.

All applications are processed and based on the enclosed documentation. You will not receive retroactive reduction if you add new information at a later stage.

Please send your complaint to Sola municipality, use the same address as you did when you applied.

#### **History:**

This kind of reduction in childcare fee took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015. The income limit in 2015 was NOK 473.000. From January 2016, the income limit is NOK 486.750

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