

Information for parents

Changes to subsidised childcare places with effect from 2018

The city of Zurich will amend the regulations for subsidies to private childcare facilities, which offer subsidised childcare places. The changes will be effective as of January 1, 2018.

Free access to subsidised places in childcare facilities

Families living in Zurich which have a low to medium income get subsidised (i.e. discounted) childcare places. Until summer 2016 the amount of subsidised places had been limited. Today, all childcare facilities that have a contract with the [Social Department](#) (84%) can offer as many subsidised places as they wish. Although, a care facility is not obliged to offer you such a place. All childcare facilities with subsidised places are listed on the city of Zurich's search platform (www.stadt-zuerich.ch/kinderbetreuung > "Kita-Platz finden")

Confirmation of the parental contribution factor

If you have a subsidised care place for your child, you as a parent will pay a discounted daily fee for it. The [Department of School and Sport](#) calculates the amount of the daily fee (i.e. the so called parental contribution), depending on your family income and wealth (www.stadt-zuerich.ch/beitragsrechner-betreuung). The department will send you the calculated parental contribution factor. Once a year the department will ask you to renew the confirmation of the parental contribution factor, which you will have to present to the childcare facility in order to keep your subsidised childcare place.

Confirmation of the amount of subsidised childcare days

In order to obtain a subsidised childcare place you need to be either gainfully employed, in a recognised training scheme, unemployed within the limits of employability (RAV confirmation) or have a regular voluntary work. The child's linguistic or social integration or a parent's physical or psychological overload are also deemed to be an entitlement for a subsidised childcare place.

So far, the childcare facilities have verified these requirements. As of 2018, the [Social Department](#) will do this verification.

At the same time, in the course of 2018, as you will have to renew your confirmation of the parental contribution factor, the [Social Department](#) will send you a written request to provide the necessary information. Until then, your childcare facility's verification remains valid. To provide the necessary information about your gainful employment, recognised training scheme, unemployment or voluntary work, you need to fill in an electronic form via «[Mein Konto](#)» (www.stadt-zuerich.ch/meinkonto). «Mein Konto» is the central access point of the city of Zurich's online services. As of November 2017 you can already register for «Mein Konto» and fill in the form.

If you want to obtain a subsidised childcare place due to your child's linguistic or social integration or a parent's physical or psychological overload, you need to get a confirmation from a competence centre or a specialist.

Linguistic or social integration: advisory service for mothers and fathers ([Mütter- und Väterberatung MVB](#)), Social Services ([Soziale Dienste SOD](#)) or [AOZ](#)

Parent's physical or psychological overload: doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist or for example Social Services, [parental guidance center](#), Mütterhilfe)

Once you have completed the form on «Mein Konto» or handed in the specialist's confirmation, the [Social Department](#) will confirm the amount of subsidised care days that you are entitled to book in a care facility that has a contract with the [Social Department](#). Once a year the [Social Department](#) will ask you to renew this confirmation. Apart from showing the care facility your given parental contribution factor you will also need to show them the

confirmation of the entitled amount of subsidised childcare days, in order to keep your subsidised place.

New basic and additional services

The city of Zurich also redefines its payment to care facilities. There are two factors relevant for you as a parent:

On one hand as of January 1st, 2018 the city of Zurich reimburses subsidised places for a **maximum of 240 care days and 11.5 care hours a day** (basic subsidised service). This corresponds to a full time care five days a week, minus public holidays and minus 12 days of facility holiday. Your care facility is free to choose the time and amount of holiday as well as their opening hours. You as a parent can choose, if you'd only like to use the basic subsidised service.

If your care facility chooses not to have a holiday close-down or offers longer opening hours, you can profit from their additional services. You can also choose to book additional care days on top of the subsidised care days. These additional services are not subsidised by the city of Zurich, hence your care facility will charge you extra for it. Your care facility should inform you about the possible use and costs of their additional services. However, if you choose to make any changes to the care services, whether subsidised or additional, the care facility's notice period applies.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the contract management:
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