# Basic Education Afternoon Activities in a Nutshell

# Applying for Afternoon Activities

# The main application period for afternoon activities has ended (April 1–19,2024). However, you can apply for afternoon activities throughout the school year. Applications are considered in the order they are received, and participation is possible if there is space in the group. After the application period, you can apply for afternoon activities with a paper application, which should be returned to the address of the service provider from whom you are seeking a place for afternoon activities. More information about afternoon activities (in Finnish) can be found on the City of Lahti’s website: [www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta](http://www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta).

Fixed Monthly Fee

The official decision on a place in basic education afternoon activities is the basis for charging the monthly fee for afternoon activities. A fee is charged for each month in which the child participates in the activities. According to the decision of the Lahti City Education Committee (May 21, 2024/§61), the monthly fee for afternoon activities under the Basic Education Act is €120/month for daily activities starting from August 1, 2024. The monthly fee includes supervised activities, a snack, materials, and accident insurance.

**The service provider charges fees for the activities they provide**. Guardians are billed a fixed monthly fee according to the individual afternoon activity decision with the following exceptions:

* €120/month, except for the half-month fee in August. No fee is charged for activity days in June. School holidays do not affect the monthly fee.
* €60/month when the child is absent for the entire month with prior notice (0 attendance days). Absences must be reported to the group leader. However, the place cannot be reserved without an acceptable reason.
* €60/month when the child is absent **due to** **illness** for 11 or more activity days in a month.
* €0/month when the child is absent **due to** **illness** for the entire month (0 attendance days).

*A doctor’s or nurse’s certificate must be provided upon request for absences due to illness.*

If the fee for afternoon activities is not paid by **the due date**, the service provider is entitled to charge annual interest on arrears from the due date as stipulated in the Interest Act (633/1982). The fee is directly enforceable. According to the parties’ agreement, the fee may be collected without a judgment or decision as provided in the Act on the Enforcement of Taxes and Fees (706/2007).

For questions related to billing, you should contact the billing party, i.e., the service provider, directly. The contact details of the service provider for the afternoon activity place can be found (in Finnish) on the city’s website ([www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta/](http://www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta/)) under the section “Iltapäivätoiminnan palveluntuottajat 2024–2025.”

### Principles of Fee Exemption (Education Committee 15.3.2016/§62)

* Fee exemption can be applied for starting from August 1, 2024, using the fee exemption application form available on the City of Lahti’s website.
* The application must be submitted during the month from which the fee exemption is being applied for.
* A separate fee exemption must be applied for each child participating in afternoon activities.
* The family’s income includes the income of the guardian and the person living in the same household in a marital or marriage-like relationship.
* The attachments to the fee exemption application must be up-to-date:
  + **A copy of a positive** decision on social assistance/reception allowance, or
  + **Income statements of all** family income and benefits (e.g., payslip, Kela decisions, non-wage income, latest income statement/balance sheet/accountant’s statement of income and income statement form (for entrepreneurs), child benefit is not considered as income).
* If the application lacks up-to-date attachments, the processing of the application may be delayed.
* **The fee exemption decision is made for a fixed period**, up to one operational year at a time. The fee exemption can be granted for the same period as the positive social assistance decision is valid. Fee exemption is not granted retroactively.
* The application with attachments should be submitted to: Lahti-Piste, Service Square, Trio Shopping Center, 2nd floor, Vesku Square, Aleksanterinkatu 18, 15140 Lahti.
* Gross income limit table starting from August 1, 2016:

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| **Number of People in the Family** | **Income Limit for Waiving the Customer Fee (euros)** |
| 2 | 1403 |
| 3 | 1730 |
| 4 | 2053 |
| 5 | 2191 |
| 6 | 2328 |

If the family size is larger than six, the income limit for determining the fee is increased by €138 for each additional minor child in the family.

**Termination of Afternoon Activities**

Termination must always be done in writing. It can be done either electronically through the City of Lahti’s website or as a paper termination notice, which must be delivered to the service provider. If a place applied for and granted during the application period is not accepted, the termination period is one week from the receipt of the notification of acceptance. Otherwise, the termination notice must be delivered to the service provider or sent electronically by the 15th of the month and will take effect on the first day of the following month. You can find the termination notice (in Finnish) on the City of Lahti’s website ([www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta/](http://www.lahti.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/kerho-ja-iltapaivatoiminta/iltapaivatoiminta/)).