



Oslo kommune

Kindergarten places in Oslo

Kindergarten is a daytime educational programme for children aged between 0 and 6 years. Kindergarten is the first step on the educational pathway, and is an important part of preparing children to start school.

The children are well looked after in kindergartens by caring adults. They get to play and join in with a wide range of activities, while also learning Norwegian.

Municipal kindergartens operate between 07:30 and 17:00.

When can a child start kindergarten?

Many kindergartens have places for children aged 10 months and upward. If you need a kindergarten place for a younger child, the Kristent Interkulturelt Arbeid (KIA) in Oslo city centre may be an alternative. They accept children from the age of 3 months.

What does it cost to have a child in kindergarten?

It costs a maximum of NOK 2,730 per month to have a child in kindergarten. If you are on a low income or have several children at kindergarten, you will pay less. Some people are entitled to free kindergarten places.

The local authority website will tell you what price to expect:

<https://www.oslo.kommune.no/english/kindergarten/prices-and-payment/>

Different rates apply to the CIA kindergarten, and these are calculated on the basis of time spent in the kindergarten.

Apply for a kindergarten place

The deadline for applications for a kindergarten place is 1 March. If you apply before the deadline, and your child will be one year or older in November of the same year, you will receive an offer of a kindergarten place to start between August and November. If you have missed the application deadline, you can still submit an application, but it may take longer for your place to come through.

In the CIA kindergarten, you apply directly to the kindergarten for a place at any time of the year.

You can find a list of kindergartens and their locations on the local authority website. You can also find information about the various kindergartens, including their opening hours and how old a child must be to be entitled to a place in a particular kindergarten.

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If you need help with the application, please contact your local service centre.

