

How much does a kindergarten place cost?

A maximum fee applies to kindergarten places in Norway. This means that kindergartens cannot demand parents to pay higher fees than what the Norwegian Parliament has set. In addition, you will have to pay money for food. The amount will vary from kindergarten to kindergarten.

You can find information about kindergarten fees here:

www.bergen.kommune.no/pris-barnehageplass.

Families on a low income may be entitled to reduced parental fees.

You can read more about this here: www.bergen.kommune.no/reduisert-foreldrebetaling.

Choosing a kindergarten and applying for a place

You can apply for a kindergarten place at: www.bergen.kommune.no/barnehageplass.

In the digital application app (blue button), you can find kindergartens near your home.

Visit: www.bergen.kommune.no/barnehager for a full list of all the kindergartens in Bergen.

You can search for kindergartens in your local area at: www.barnehagefakta.no.

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Kindergarten – a good start



Need help with the application?

Visit the Innbyggjerservice (citizen service centre) in Kaigaten 4, next to Byparken, or telephone **55 56 55 56**.

Here you can also get help with the application if you do not have a Norwegian D-number.



Innbyggjerservice, Kaigaten 4.

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KINDERGARTEN – a good start

Kindergarten is an educational establishment that maintains the care, play and learning needs of children; and it is the first stage of formal education. Most children aged 1-6 living in Norway attend kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN – an educational service in close cooperation with parents

All kindergartens, both private and municipal, follow the Norwegian Kindergarten Act. Kindergartens employ kindergarten teachers with at least three years of higher education. This means that competent and caring staff with extensive knowledge about children will take care of your child. Your child will be followed up through close contact with the home. Should you have any questions, you can speak to the staff and contribute with input to promote well-being and social development for your child. The contact between the kindergarten and the home is especially important in a multicultural environment.



KINDERGARTEN – a place for play, learning and development

- **At kindergarten, your child will become included in a social environment with other children.** The children get to know each other's culture, language and interests. They unfold themselves and learn through play and activities during interaction with other children and adults. Your child will make friends, develop social competence, and have experiences that will strengthen his/her all-round development before starting school.
- **Kindergarten stimulates children's language development.** Through play and exploration with other children, they process their thoughts, opinions, emotions, and experiences. This is how children develop language at kindergarten.
- **Children can learn multiple languages at the same time.** The kindergarten will enable your child to learn both their mother tongue and Norwegian – mother tongue at home and Norwegian at kindergarten.
- **Language learning takes time.** Research shows that it takes one to three years to learn a language well enough to communicate with others, and five to seven years to use the language in more formal learning situations, such as reading and writing. Therefore, it is important to start kindergarten early to learn Norwegian before starting school.

KINDERGARTEN – gives parents possibilities

- When your child is taken care of by competent and caring kindergarten staff, you will have the possibility to start working or studying.

