

What you need to know about subsidies

- If you wish to apply for a subsidy, you must first order a subsidy application form known as a Subventionsantrag.
- When you order a Subventionsantrag, you give your consent to the School- and Sports department (Schul- und Sportdepartement) as well as the Social department (Sozialdepartement) to pass on your information to the Taxes and Person registration office (Steuer- und Personenmeldeamt) for investigation.
- The right to subsidies does not mean that you will automatically receive a subsidized place in a private Crèche. Firstly, a subsidized place must be available. Secondly certain factors such as employment, status of education or employability under unemployment insurance law (Arbeitslosenversicherungsgesetz) must be in favor of a subsidized place.
- You can only apply for subsidies if you are legally domiciled and registered in Zurich (as your zivilrechtlicher Wohnsitz). If you move out of Zurich, you will lose the subsidized place, i.e. will have to pay the maximum tariff.
- The subsidy application applies to the entire Family.
- Without application and until the subsidy contribution is confirmed, you will pay the maximum tariff.
- You cannot receive or claim subsidies retroactively.
- It is also possible to receive subsidies for placements in day care families.
- The calculated subsidy amount is granted annually. This means that every year you will automatically receive an application form to extend payment for another year from the Schul- und Sportdepartement. You will have to fill out and return the form.
- If the parents are divorced and share custody of the child, then the parent at whose address the child is registered must make the subsidy application.
- If life partners are the biological parents of the child, then the incomes and assets of both parents must be included in the calculations for subsidies (even if they have not lived together for 3 years yet).
- If one of the life partners is not the biological parent of the child, then the incomes and assets of both partners will only be included in the calculation once they have lived together in the same household for 3 years
- The subsidy calculation applies to both pre-schools and schools.

You can find more information about subsidies at www.stadt-zuerich.ch/betreuung.