

Fees related to your earnings

If your child is in day care, you will have to pay a monthly fee, similar to what you pay in kindergarten. How much you pay depends on your income and how long your child stays in care. The childminder is paid 4.80€ per child per hour by the town of Braunschweig.

To determine the monthly fee, you will have to fill in the form "Festsetzung des Kindertagepflege-Entgelts". This you find on our homepage under 'downloads'.

If you do not submit this form, you will be categorized at the highest level.

If your income changes, you are obliged to inform the town of Braunschweig immediately and in writing.

How to work out the monthly fee?

The fee depends on the gross earnings of every person living in the same household with the child.

As 'earnings' are considered:

- Monthly wages and special payment such as holiday or Christmas bonuses
- If you are self-employed: your income without deduction of negative income
- Maintenance payments
- Child Benefits
- Any other income, taxed or not

Any person who is not self-employed can deduct from their earnings 27% plus 1.000€ as income-related expenses. You can also deduct 3.000€ for every child living in the same household.

If you are self-employed, you can deduct 22%.

You do not have to pay any monthly fee to the town of Braunschweig if you receive social benefits according to SGB II or XII, housing allowance, benefits from the social welfare law for asylum seekers, or child benefits.

If you have more than one child in public day care, you pay 50% for the second child, and nothing for the third one.

How to read the table of fees?

Once you are designated to a level of income (lines 0 – 15), the average time you will need at day care can be worked out. You add up the hours in day care from Monday to Sunday and divide them by 5 (the number of weekdays). If this does not work out, you bring it down to a round figure. The hours correspond to the columns in the table of fees.

Would you like an example?

The Meyer family wants to take their daughter Mia to day care. They agree with the childminder on the following timetable:

Monday	7-15 o'clock	8h
Tuesday	7-12 o'clock	5h
Wednesday	7-15 o'clock	8h
Thursday	7-17 o'clock	10h
Friday	No care	

This amounts to 21 hours of care a week, divided by 5 equals 4,2. Rounded down, the Meyer family finds itself in column 4 of the table of fees. If their income is estimated at 36 000€ a year (cf. line 5), they will have to pay the City of Braunschweig 60€ a month. The exact amount will be shown in an official notification from the City.

What else is there to know?

Every childminder is allowed to charge a personal, private fee. There are no regulations as to the amount of this fee. Most childminders charge an additional 0,50 – to 3,00€ per hour per child. Please note that there is no subsidy from any public authority. Even if you do not have to pay the original fee because you are on social benefits, you will still have to pay the private addition.

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