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The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, based on Article 2 of the Grant Agreement TF0C3867-XK signed on June 28, 2024 by the Republic of Kosova and the World Bank and in decision no. 01B-246 dated 23.12.2024, does

CALL FOR APPLICATION IN THE VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES REGISTERED IN THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Date: 01.09.2025

The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) is offering full kindergarten payment (vouchers) to beneficiaries of the Social Assistance Scheme (SAS) who have children aged 3 to 5 years. The voucher is offered to attend private kindergartens and licensed public-private kindergartens of the families' choice for the 2025/26 school year, at no cost to parents.

Families registered in SAS who reside in Prishtina, Fushe Kosova, Prizren, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Gjilan, Peja, Gjakova, Mitrovica, Vushtrri, Graçanica, Drenas, Shtime, Suhareka, and Klina are invited to apply to the Voucher Program in order to benefit from the program.

Participation in the Voucher Program will not affect your benefits from the Social Assistance Scheme.

Criteria for application are:

The family must be registered in SAS as a beneficiary;

- To have at least one child between the ages of 3 and 5 at the time of enrollment in the kindergarten. The child's age is calculated from the date of service provision in the kindergarten, not from the application date to the program. Consequently, the parent or legal guardian can apply even before the child has reached the age of 3 or 5, starting from 2 years and 6 months to the age of 4 years and 6 months. Provided that to start attending in the kindergarten at the age of 3 and to finish it when the child starts compulsory pre-primary education after the age of 5;
- The child must have residence in the municipality where applies to attend the kindergarten.

All children who meet the aforementioned criteria will be subject to automated random selection in accordance with the Voucher Program Guide approved by decision No. 01B-246 dated 23.12.2024.

Expenses that will be covered by the program:

- The program will cover kindergarten fees for the entire early childhood education cycle;
- Payment for transportation for children who are unable to travel safely accompanied by their parents or legal guardian, whose distance is at least 4 kilometers from the kindergarten selected in the application procedure.

The amount of the transport payment will be determined by the Commission for the Evaluation of Applications for the Vouchers Program depending on the respective municipality and road distance.

Application procedure:

- The application is made only through e-Kosova; https://rks-gov.net/596
- Applicants can only be parents or legal guardians of children.
- Applicants may apply for more than one child.

Contact the Center for Social Work (CSW) in your municipality for assistance with the application, the benefit process, and any questions you may have regarding the Voucher Program.

The data and documents required in the application procedure are:

- -Name Surname of parents or guardian;
- -Address:
- -Region;
- -The contact number;
- -The number of children for whom they seek support from the Voucher Program;
- -Name Surname of the child/children;
- -Social assistance card;

- -If the applicant is a legal guardian (and not a parent) then proof of legal guardianship must be uploaded;
- -Proof of vaccination, children's vaccination passport;
- -Selection of EChEI within the municipality of the applicant;
- -Data if the child has limited abilities;
- -Distance from residence to EChEI;
- -If there is a need for transport.

Application deadline

The application is open for 21 days from 01.09.2025 and ends on 21.09.2025.

The Voucher Program Application Evaluation Commission will compile the final list of beneficiaries within 15 days after the application process closes. The decision will be published on MESTI's official channels and will be shared with all applicants through e-Kosova.

For additional information, you can contact the following phone number: 038 200 65048 and/or by sending e-mail to the address: programiikuponave@rks-gov.net.