

Guideline external childcare support for students

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Basis

Based on the Federal Act on Funding and Coordination of the Swiss Higher Education Sector (Higher Education Act, HFKG) and the guiding principles of the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons.

This guideline enters into force on 3 September 2019. This guideline replaces the one from 11 January 2017, which is identical in terms of content but has been adjusted due to the University's change of name.

I. Content and scope

Art. 1 *Principles and purpose*

¹ The University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons promotes diversity and equal opportunities and develops the resulting potential this generates. Its efforts include measures aimed at facilitating the reconciliation of university and family life. The University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons therefore support students who are reliant on an external day-care centre place. In hardship cases, students can apply for financial assistance for their childcare needs. The University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons thus makes a contribution to enabling students to complete their course of studies and ensures that they are not hindered in completing their university work due to family reasons or even forced to discontinue their course.

Art. 2 *Scope*

¹ The guideline applies to all students who are enrolled on a Bachelor's or consecutive Master's course at the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons.

II. General provisions

Art. 3 *Means of support*

¹The University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons supports students who are reliant on an external day-care centre place with a lump-sum amount of CHF 1,000 per student and semester.

²The University Executive Board determines the budget for the following year.

³ There is no legal entitlement to support. The lump-sum amounts provided as part of these regulations can only be awarded from the funds made available in the budget.

Art. 4
Requirements

¹ The following requirements apply for the payment of a lump-sum amount for external childcare:

- The student has paid his or her tuition fee.
- The lump-sum amount will be paid to students with an income limit that does not exceed CHF 70,000 in taxable family income.
- The child who receives external day care resides in the applicant's home.
- The student is financially reliant on the payment of the contribution and has already exhausted alternative financing sources (e.g. grants, student loans, private support).
- The student does not receive any further direct or indirect contributions from the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons.
- The student provides written evidence of the day-care centre place at a crèche approved by the cantonal supervisory bodies.
- The student submits a written application

Art. 5
Procedure

¹ The procedure as regards the application process for external childcare support is as follows:

- A written application must be submitted to the Diversity specialist unit to clarify the student's eligibility. The application is assessed by the Head of the Diversity specialist unit.
- Applicants submit their current tax statement. In the case of cohabiting/unmarried parents both parents must submit tax statements.
- A confirmation from the day-care centre and the corresponding invoice copies must also be submitted.
- The payment is made each semester in the amount of CHF 1,000 (based on the submitted invoice copies)
- The payment of a lump-sum amount within the framework of this guideline does not give rise to an entitlement to further lump-sum amounts in the following semester.

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