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Pursuant to Article 17 of Law No. 08/L-153 on Early Childhood Education, Article 2 of Grant Agreement TF0C3867-XK signed on June 28, 2024, between the Republic of Kosovo and the World Bank, and Decision No. 01B-246 dated December 23, 2024, the Ministry of Education and Science issues a:

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES REGISTERED IN THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Date: 19.11.2026

The Ministry of Education and Science (MES) invites families receiving benefits under the Social Assistance Scheme (SAS) who have children aged 3-6 to apply for full coverage of fees for the 2026/27 school year at a licensed private or public-private early childhood education institution of their choice.

Families registered in the SAS and residing in Vushtrri, Gjilan, Prishtinë, Pejë, Drenas, Lipjan, Ferizaj, Shtime, Viti, Fushë Kosovë, Suharekë, Gjakovë, Graçanicë, Mitrovicë, Klinë, Prizren, Obiliq or Podujevë are invited to apply for this support.

Participation in the Voucher Programme will not affect families' benefits under the Social Assistance Scheme.

**How support is provided:**

- All families registered in the Social Assistance Scheme with children aged 3–6 are eligible to apply to the Voucher Programme for their children to attend licensed private and public-private early childhood education institutions.

- The support provided through the Voucher Program takes the form of direct assistance to private and public-private early childhood education institutions, licensed for the 2026/27 academic year, to cover educational services and, where available, transportation services; it also provides direct support to families for the transportation of children in cases where such services are not offered by the institutions, in accordance with the criteria established in the guidelines for the operation of the Voucher Program.

**Kriteret për aplikim janë:**

- The family must be registered as a beneficiary of Social Assistance, according to the lists maintained by the Ministry of Labor, Family, and Values of the Liberation War;
- There must be at least one child aged between 3 and 6 years at the time of enrollment in the kindergarten. The child's age is calculated based on the date the kindergarten service begins, not the date of the application to the Program. Consequently, a parent or legal guardian may apply before the child reaches the age of 3 or 6, specifically, from the age of 2 years and 6 months up to 5 years and 6 months, provided that the child begins kindergarten attendance at age 3 and continues until they start compulsory pre-primary or primary education at a public educational institution;
- The child must reside in the municipality where the application for kindergarten attendance is submitted.

All children who meet the aforementioned criteria will be subject to an automated, random selection process, in accordance with the Voucher Program Guidelines approved by Decision No. 01B-246, dated December 23, 2024.

**Expenses to be covered by the program:**

- The program will cover kindergarten fees for the entire duration of early childhood education;
- Transportation costs for children who are unable to travel safely while accompanied by their parents or legal guardian, and who reside at least 4 kilometres away from the kindergarten selected during the application process. The amount for transportation costs will be determined by the Evaluation Committee for the Voucher Program, based on the respective municipality and the travel distance.

**Application Procedure:**

- Applications must be submitted exclusively via the e-Kosova platform at the following link: https://rks-gov.net/596
- Only parents or legal guardians of the children are eligible to apply.
- Applicants may apply on behalf of more than one child.

Families currently benefiting from the Voucher Program, as well as those who benefited during the 2025/26 school year, whose children are now in the 5–6 age group and have not yet begun

compulsory pre-primary education in a public educational institution, are invited to reapply via the e-Kosova platform within the timeframe of this call, in order to confirm and update their information and relevant documentation.

For assistance with the application, the benefits process, or any other questions you may have regarding the Voucher Program, please contact the Center for Social Work (CSW) in your municipality.

**The data and documents required for the application process are:**

- Full name of the parent(s) or guardian;
- Address;
- Region;
- Contact number;
- Number of children for whom support is being requested under the Voucher Program;
- Full name(s) of the child(ren);
- Social assistance card;
- If the applicant is a legal guardian (rather than a parent), proof of legal guardianship must be uploaded;
- Proof of vaccination (children's vaccination record/passport);
- Selection of an Early Childhood Education Institution (ECEI)/kindergarten within the applicant's municipality;
- Information regarding whether the child has a disability;
- Distance from the place of residence to the ECEI/kindergarten, and the parent's bank account details, if transportation is required.

**Application Period:**

The application period is open for 21 days, starting from **19.11.2026** and ending on **10.12.2026.**

The committee responsible for evaluating applications for the Voucher Program will compile the final list of beneficiaries within 15 days of the application process closing. The decision will be published on the official channels of MES and shared with all applicants via the e-Kosova platform.

For further information, you may contact us by phone at 038 200 65048 and/or by sending an email to: programiikuponave@rks-gov.net.