

Tuition Fee Policy and Schedule for the 2026 Academic Year

South Karelia Municipal Education and Training Consortium

1. Amount of Tuition Fees

- Tuition fees are determined annually based on the costs of administering the vocational qualification programs, with all costs allocated to the qualifications according to the cost-allocation principle.
- Tuition fees are reviewed by the director of finance and administration. The fee schedule is available on our website: edusampo.fi/en/tuition-fees

2. Collection of Tuition Fees

- Tuition fees are always billed in advance, and payment is a prerequisite for participation in classes.
- Tuition fees are charged in full for the first year once the student has been selected, and thereafter every six months in advance. Installment payments are not available.

3. What the tuition fee covers

- The tuition fee covers instruction and guidance in accordance with the degree requirements, as well as access to student welfare services and special support provided by Sampo in accordance with legal regulations.
- A health examination related to entry into the country may be added to all fees during the first academic year.

4. Refunds and Credits for Tuition Fees

- The tuition fee will be refunded in full if a student admitted to the vocational qualification is unable to obtain a residence permit and is therefore unable to begin their studies. If a student has paid the tuition fee and obtained a residence permit, the fee will not be refunded even if the student does not begin their studies. If a student who has received a residence permit does not arrive to begin their studies, this will be reported also to Migri.
- If a student has paid the tuition fee, obtained a residence permit, and begun their studies, they may withdraw from the vocational qualification by submitting a withdrawal notice; however, in this case, the tuition fee will not be refunded. If the educational provider determines that the student has withdrawn following a hearing, the fee will not be refunded.
- If a student temporarily interrupts their studies for more than two months due to their own illness or that of a minor child residing in Finland, the tuition fee for the period of absence will be refunded. A medical certificate must be provided to verify the illness.
- If a student or a minor child residing in Finland becomes ill, resulting in the termination of studies, the tuition fee will be refunded effective from the date the studies end. A medical certificate must be provided to verify the illness.

- The student must apply for a refund of the tuition fee within six months of the end of the payment obligation.
- In no other cases of suspension, completion of studies, or withdrawal will tuition fees be refunded or compensated.