



If you receive unemployment benefit or general housing allowance, your benefit may be reduced in 2024

Parliament has decided to cut general housing allowance and unemployment benefit. Find out here how your benefit will change in 2024.

- 1** The amount of **general housing allowance** will be reduced for all recipients.
Most of the cuts to general housing allowance will come into force on 1 April 2024. Your household's situation however will also determine when the changes take effect.
If this is the first time your household has been granted general housing allowance, the amount of the allowance will be reduced from 1 April 2024.
If the general housing allowance was granted before 1 April 2024, the amount of the allowance will be reduced the next time your household has to apply for a review of the housing allowance.
In addition, the general housing allowance for owner-occupied housing will no longer be paid from 1.1.2025.
- In addition, almost all households in Helsinki will see their general housing allowance reduced. These changes do not apply to the housing allowance for pensioners.
You can use the general housing allowance calculator to estimate how the change will affect your housing allowance.

- 2** Several changes will be made to **unemployment benefits** from 1 April 2024. The basic unemployment allowance will no longer include child supplements and the 300-euro monthly exempt amount will no longer be applied.

If you have previously received a child supplement to your unemployment benefit, your benefit will be reduced from 1 April 2024.

If you work during unemployment and have been granted basic unemployment allowance or a labour market subsidy, the amount of your benefit may be reduced from 1 April 2024.

You can use the unemployment benefit calculators to see how these changes will impact your unemployment benefit.

- 3** **If you receive social assistance** from Kela, the amount of support you receive may increase if the amount of the general housing allowance or unemployment benefit that you receive decreases.

Use the income support calculator to estimate the new amount and apply for a review to your income support.

- 4** **If you do not yet receive social assistance** from Kela, you can use the calculator to see whether you are entitled to social assistance.

You have the right to social assistance if all the money and resources you have available are not enough to cover essential everyday expenses such as food and medicine.



You can find the calculators at <https://www.kela.fi/calculators>.
(Please note, that the service is available only in Finnish and Swedish).
You can also ask our service experts for advice.

You can apply for a review of your benefit at the OmaKela e-service:
www.kela.fi/omakela. (Please note, that the service is available only in Finnish and Swedish). You can also apply for a review by filling in a paper form, visiting a Kela service point www.kela.fi/visit-kela or calling Kela's telephone service www.kela.fi/call-kela.

To see the average processing times for applications, go to www.kela.fi/average-processing-times.

Read more about the changes and tips on how to apply:
www.kela.fi/changes-to-benefits