



Housing Allowance for S.A.E.K. trainees – Frequently Asked Questions

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1. [How do I access the service to submit an electronic application for the housing allowance?](#)

To access the electronic application, the beneficiary (parent or trainee) must use the username and password provided by the AADE for the TAXISnet electronic services. The entry of these access credentials constitutes consent to the cross-referencing of their data.

2. [How is the amount of the annual housing allowance for the beneficiary determined, and what about for cohabiting trainees?](#)

An annual housing allowance of one thousand five hundred (**1,500**) euros is granted to trainees of Public Schools of Higher Vocational Training (S.A.E.K.) under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports who are Greek nationals or nationals of other European Union countries.

For a trainee sharing a residence with another trainee of Public Schools of Higher Vocational Training, Public S.A.E.K.s of study for the trainee and the cohabiting trainee are in the same city or regional unit, an annual housing allowance of two thousand (**2,000**) euros is granted.

3. [In the "My applications" tab, it says that the application is in "Temporarily Saved" status. What does this mean?](#)

Applications in "Temporarily Saved" status have not yet been submitted.

You must proceed with the submission within the prescribed deadline, so that the application can be evaluated by the competent S.A.E.K.

Please note that after the deadline has passed, no application can be submitted and evaluated.

4. [How can I be sure that my application for the housing allowance has been submitted?](#)

Submitted applications receive a unique protocol number. You can check the status of your application in the "My applications" tab.

5. [Can I submit a late application?](#)

The creation and submission of applications is permitted only within the time periods determined by the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports.

6. [How can I print my application?](#)

As shown in the application's user manual, the beneficiary, after logging into the electronic application, selects the "My Applications" field and then "Print" the submitted application they wish to print.

7. [Where do I register my IBAN for the allowance to be paid, if my application is approved?](#)

As shown in the application's user manual, the beneficiary's bank account number (IBAN) is completed after the Criteria Check, at the final step of the application submission.

8. [I am divorced. Which of the two parents must submit the application for our child's housing allowance?](#)

In the case of divorced or separated parents, the beneficiary of the allowance is the parent who supports the trainee and lists them as a dependent.

9. [The child is declared as a dependent of the trainee's father, but the lease agreement is under the mother's Tax Identification Number \(AFM\). The two parents are married. Who should submit the application?](#)

The electronic application for the granting of the housing allowance is submitted by the beneficiary of the allowance, i.e., the person who is considered to support the trainee, according to the provisions of Article 11 of Law 4172/2013 (A' 167).



If the other parent's details have been declared at the relevant step, then their AFM can also be selected as the renter at the lease details step. If the rental agreement cannot be verified electronically, it must be submitted to the S.A.E.K., where the authorized employee will evaluate the relevant criteria in the electronic application.

10. I am trying to create an application as a trainee over 25 years old, but the application displays a message that I am under 25 and does not let me continue. What should I do?

Since the application concerns the educational year 2024-2025, the age criterion is met if the trainee was born up to 31-12-1998. If they were born after 01-01-1999, the application must be submitted by the parent who supports the trainee and lists them as a dependent.

11. When do I select the category "My parents are residents abroad"?

This category should only be selected if the trainee does not qualify under **any** other category. In this case, they are required to submit to the competent service of the Institution all the documents regarding income and property status, both for themselves and their parents or their supporting parent. Foreign income is added to any income declared in Greece, and the foreign residence is taken into account. All foreign documents must be officially translated under the responsibility of the beneficiary.

12. What are the educational criteria for the action?

The educational criteria for the action, which are checked electronically through interoperability with the S.A.E.K. Training Management Information System (PIGASOS) and subsequently checked by the trainee's competent S.A.E.K., are the following:

- The trainee is required to have successfully completed attendance in the two (2) semesters of the educational year for which the allowance is requested, except for the first year for which only a Certificate of Attendance for the 1st and 2nd semester is required. For the period of Practical Training, a Certificate of Completion/Termination of Practical Training is required.
- Furthermore, the trainee must not have exceeded the duration of study regarding the semesters required to obtain their Vocational Training Certificate, according to the Operating Regulations of the Public S.A.E.K.

13. I already hold a Vocational Training Certificate/University (AEI) degree and am studying to obtain Vocational Training. Am I entitled to the housing allowance?

According to the current institutional framework, trainees who hold a Vocational Training Certificate or a degree or title from a higher education institution in Greece or abroad are ****not**** entitled to receive the housing allowance.

14. The sibling of the trainee is listed as the lessee of the rented residence in the city of study, and therefore the relevant criterion is not verified by the electronic application. Is the right to the housing allowance lost?

No, if the trainee's sibling or the parent who does not support the trainee (in the case of divorced parents) is listed as the lessee and electronic verification fails, the lease contract and a solemn declaration from the lessee consenting to the granting of the allowance must be submitted to the S.A.E.K.. Subsequently, the S.A.E.K. will officially request a family status certificate to clarify the relationship, and the relevant criterion will be evaluated.

15. The trainee has transferred and cumulatively meets the six-month criterion for the two houses they rented.



However, the application does not allow both lease contracts to be declared and shows that the criterion is not met. What can be done?

In the electronic application, you should declare the details of the lease contract for the city where the trainee is currently studying. After the submission of the application, you will submit a copy of both lease contracts to the S.A.E.K.

16. My father's main residence is in Rafina, while I am studying at the Public S.A.E.K. of Keratsini and renting an apartment in the area of Keratsini. Why does the system mark me as ineligible?

According to the current institutional framework, the trainee must reside in a rented house due to their studies in a city other than their main residence, in which neither they nor their parents have full ownership or usufruct of another residence.

Specifically for the wider area of Thessaloniki and Attica, it is noted that the urban area of Thessaloniki is considered one city, including the cities or areas that are less than twenty (20) kilometers from the center of Thessaloniki, and the prefecture of Attica is also considered one city, excluding its island areas and the cities or areas that are more than forty (40) kilometers from the center of Athens.

17. I have two children who are trainees. Can I submit applications for both of them?

According to the current institutional framework, the allowance is granted to all trainees of a family, provided that the prerequisites are cumulatively met.

Therefore, a **separate application must be submitted for each** eligible trainee in a family. In any case, definitive submission is an essential prerequisite for the applications to be evaluated.

18. I have usufruct of a property in the city of study; why does the system mark me as ineligible?

According to the current institutional framework, the trainee must reside in a rented house due to their studies in a city other than their main residence, in which neither they nor their parents have full ownership or usufruct of another residence.

19. How is the annual family income calculated? What amount must it not exceed?

Annual family income is considered to be the total annual taxed actual or imputed income, as well as exempt or specially taxed income of the taxpayer, their spouse, and their minor children, from all sources.

The annual family income for the previous year must not exceed thirty thousand (30,000) euros, increased by three thousand (3,000) euros for each protected child beyond the first.

20. What details concerning the cohabiting trainee must be submitted in cases of cohabitation?

In the case of cohabitation, the following details must be completed:

- AMKA (Social Security Number) of the cohabiting trainee,
- Tax Identification Number (A.F.M.) of the cohabiting trainee,
- A.F.M. of the person, as declared in the cohabiting trainee's lease contract.

21. What criteria must apply to the cohabiting trainee in order for me to receive the increased allowance?

According to the current institutional framework, the criteria that must apply to the cohabiting trainee are the following:



- The cohabiting trainee studies in the same city or regional unit of study as the trainee applying for the S.A.E.K. housing allowance.
- The AFM declared as the lessee on behalf of the other trainee matches the AFM of the cohabiting trainee or includes the trainee as a protected child in their declaration.
- The lease contract for the S.A.E.K. housing allowance application includes the AFM declared for the cohabiting trainee as the lessee.

It is emphasized that the cohabiting trainee must be an active trainee of a Public S.A.E.K. under the jurisdiction of Y.PAI.TH.A., for the academic year of the application submission.

22. My roommate is an undergraduate university (AEI) student. Can I also register cohabitation details?

According to the current institutional framework, the increased allowance is granted in the case of a public S.A.E.K. trainee cohabiting with an eligible public S.A.E.K. trainee.

23. I declared cohabitation details in my application, but my roommate also wishes to apply for the allowance. Should they submit their own application?

Filling in the details in the cohabitation fields does not constitute an application for the cohabiting person. A **separate application must be submitted for each** eligible cohabiting trainee.

24. What happens if my application is approved but the cohabitation details are rejected? Do I lose the allowance?

In case of rejection of the cohabitation details by the S.A.E.K., the approval of the other details of the application remains valid.

25. My application was rejected. Can I submit a request for reconsideration?

Anyone applying for the housing allowance may submit a request for reconsideration within a period of one (1) month from the notification of the rejection result, which arose either from the electronic check or from the check conducted at the S.A.E.K.. The request for reconsideration is submitted in printed form to the S.A.E.K., where all necessary supporting documents for proving the applicant's claims are submitted. The competent S.A.E.K. may request any additional supporting document deemed necessary for the examination of the request for reconsideration, which is examined by the administration of the Public S.A.E.K.

26. Where can I turn if I have a technical problem or a question about this program?

For further questions or support regarding the use of the application, you can contact the competent S.A.E.K.. You may find the contact information for the competent S.A.E.K. at the following [link](#).