

Table 1. The general housing allowance will decrease in 2024	
Heikki, works part-time.	Lives alone in a right-of-occupancy home in Tampere.
	Applies for housing allowance for the first time.
	Heikki's incomes:
	Wage income 1,000 euros per month.
	Unemployment allowance before 1 April 2024 20.93 euros per day.
	Unemployment allowance as from 1 April 2024 13.95 euros per day.
	Heikki's housing expenses:
	Maintenance charge 550 euros per month.
	Separate water charge 20 euros per month. The separate water charge is taken into account as housing expense to the amount determined in the fixed charges for water. In 2023 and 2024, the fixed charge for water is 20 euros per month.
	Interest on housing loan 38 euros per month.
	Heikki's housing allowance before 1 April 2024:
	232.61 euros per month.
	Heikki's housing allowance after 1 April 2024:
	124.25 euros per month.
Anni, works full-time.	Lives with her two underage children in a rented home in Rauma.
	Applies for annual review of the housing allowance on 1 April 2024.
	Anni's incomes:
	Wage income 2,500 euros per month.
	Child benefits are not counted as income for the general housing allowance.
	Anni's housing expenses:
	Rent 800 euros per month.
	Separate water charge 60 euros per month. The separate water charge is taken into account as housing expense to the amount determined in the fixed charges for water. In 2023 and 2024, the fixed charge for water is 60 euros per month.
	Anni's housing allowance before 1 April 2024:
	274.72 euros per month.
	Anni's housing allowance after 1 April 2024:
112.35 euros per month.	
Ilona, student.	Lives alone in a rented home in Helsinki.
	Applies for annual review of the housing allowance on 1 September 2024.
	Ilona's incomes:
	Student financial aid 279.38 euros per month.
	Student loan is not counted as income for the general housing allowance.
	Ilona's housing expenses:
	Rent before 1 September 2024 740 euros per month.
	Rent as from 1 September 2024 800 euros per month.
	Separate water charge 20 euros per month. The separate water charge is taken into account as housing expense to the amount determined in the fixed charges for water. In 2023 and 2024, the fixed charge for water is 20 euros per month.
	Ilona's housing allowance before 1 April 2024:
	465.60 euros per month.
Ilona's housing allowance after 1 September 2024:	
394.10 euros per month.	