

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT CHILDCARE (TEC) PROGRAMMES (September 2014-August 2016)

Programme/ STRAND	1. Childcare Education & Training Supports (CETS) Programme	2. Afterschool Child Care (ASCC) Programme	3. Community Employment Childcare (CEC) Programme
Who is eligible?	Parents attending training courses. This strand formerly catered for FAS and VEC training course participants. Following the establishment of the Local Education and Training Boards, Strand 1 is now administered on behalf of the Department of Education, who have sole responsibility for deciding who is eligible to avail of this strand of the Programme.	To be eligible, a parent will meet criteria if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are currently getting Jobseeker's Benefit/Allowance (JB/JA) or One Parent Family Payment (OFP) or are on a DSP employment programme; and • they have been in receipt of JB, JA or OFP or on a DSP employment programme (or any combination of the 4) for at least 3 months; and • they have one or more children aged between 4 and 13 who are in primary school • OR, parents either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ start a new job; ○ increase the days they currently work; or ○ start a DSP employment programme (except CE). 	Parents participating on a Community Employment (CE) scheme.
What are the maximum weekly rates paid to Childcare providers by the Dept of Children & Youth Affairs for each child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Time-€145 • Part Time-€80 • Afterschool-€45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschool Child Care only - €40 • Afterschool with pick-up - €80 • 10wk holiday full day-care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part Time (up to the age of 5)-€80 • Primary school Afterschool care for children up to the age of 13 - €40

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschool with Pick up-€80 	allowance - €105	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10wk holiday full day-care allowance - €80
<p>What are the maximum rates a service can charge a parent per week? <i>(Services can charge anything between €0&€ the maximum rate per week)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Time-€25 • Part Time-€15 • Afterschool only-€5 • Afterschool with Pick up-€15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschool Child Care - €15 • Afterschool with pick-up - €15 • 10wk holiday full day-care allowance- €15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part Time (up to the age of 5)-€15 • Afterschool care - €15 • 10wk holiday full day-care allowance €15
<p>What age range does the strand cover?</p>	Parents with babies, right up to, and including afterschool are eligible.	Parents must have one or more children aged 4-13 years of age who are attending primary school.	Places will be allocated to parents with children up to 13 years of age
<p>What does the parent need to have/get to apply?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of theirs and their child/children's PPS number(s) 2. A completed parental declaration form* 3. A letter of eligibility for CETS on ETB or Solas headed paper stating the parent is eligible for CETS, name of course, course start and end dates. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents should contact their local Intreo Centre or local Social Welfare Office. Staff in this office will explain how the application process works, and give parents the relevant forms. 2. If parents are then eligible for the scheme the staff will provide them an eligibility letter and refer parents to Wexford County Childcare Committee who will arrange the childcare place 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of theirs and their child/children's PPS number(s) 2. A completed parental declaration form* 3. A letter from CE supervisor/sponsor stating the name of the sponsor organisation, and that the parent is eligible for CE CETS with the start and end dates of the scheme.

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<p>How long can a parent receive this entitlement in a Childcare Service</p>	<p>From the start date of the parents course to the end date of the course only.</p>	<p>Payment will continue for a maximum 52 weeks if needed only, regardless of number of days used .</p> <p>The 52 weeks can be broken and started again if needed, but cannot exceed 52 weeks in total.</p> <p>If your circumstances change at any point throughout the 52 weeks, you must contact your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Office.</p>	<p>Places will be approved for 50 weeks in a 12 month period for a CE participant.</p> <p>Parents can re-apply for a CEC place at the end of the 50 week period by making a new application. Places will be approved subject to demand and availability.</p> <p>If a parent chooses to take a childcare place in a service which is open for less than 50 weeks, parental choice will be facilitated, on the understanding that there is no obligation on the Department of Social Protection (DSP) or DCYA to facilitate childcare elsewhere in respect of weeks the service is not open.</p>
<p>What about Holiday periods when a child is not attending <u>Primary school</u> like Christmas and Summer?</p>	<p>If a parents course runs through Primary school children’s holidays and they require full time daycare, a ‘top up’ to the full day rate can be applied for. The maximum contribution from a parent for a full day place cannot exceed €25.</p>	<p>10 weeks of the 52 week entitlement includes holiday cover for full days if required, but in order to avail of holiday cover you must have an on-going after-school childcare need during the school year</p>	<p>A 10 week holiday full day-care allowance for CE afterschool places is available.</p>
<p>OTHER INFO</p>	<p>Charging parents a deposit for a CETS place is not permitted.</p> <p>If a child does not use the service for two consecutive weeks, services must request their local CCC to cancel the place. The place can be reinstated if the child returns.</p>	<p>Where eligible parents require childcare for morning periods before the child starts school, rather than afterschool hours, this can be accommodated under this strand of the scheme. The same rates apply as outlined above.</p> <p>Charging parents a deposit for a CETS</p>	<p>Charging parents a deposit for a CETS place is not permitted.</p> <p>If a child does not use the service for two consecutive weeks, services must request their local CCC to cancel the place. The place can be reinstated if the child returns.</p>

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Who does the parent/provider send this information to?	Wexford County Childcare Committee 7 Castle Hill, Enniscorthy Co. Wexford	Wexford County Childcare Committee 7 Castle Hill, Enniscorthy Co. Wexford	Wexford County Childcare Committee 7 Castle Hill, Enniscorthy Co. Wexford

*Contact Jillian or Eithne in Wexford County Childcare Committee for a copy of the parental declaration form, or for any further advice (jillian@wexfordchildcare.ie eithne@wexfordchildcare.ie or tel: 053-9237156)