



Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA)

CHILDCARE FUNDING PROGRAMMES

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Training and Employment Childcare (TEC) and Community Childcare Subvention (CCS)

INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Summary of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme						
Free pre-school for up to 15 hours per week (3hrs per day x 5days) for 38weeks for children aged over 3 years 2 months and less than 4 years 7 months on 1 September of the year that they will be starting. Universal eligibility.						
Summary of DCYA Targeted Childcare Programmes						
	Community Childcare Subvention (CCS)		Training and Employment Childcare (TEC)			
			Childcare Education and Training Support (CETS)	After-School Childcare (ASCC)	Community Employment Childcare Pre-school (CEC PS)	Community Employment Childcare After-School Childcare (CEC AS)
Age of Child	Child must be less than 15years		Child must be less than 15 years old	Child must be less than 13 years old	Child must be less than 5 years old	Child must be less than 13 years old
Eligibility Criteria	See CCS eligibility criteria in table below		Eligibility for TEC Programmes is determined by the Dept. of Education ETB/Solas (for CETS) and by the Dept. of Social Protection (for ASCC) and Dept. of Social Protection CE Sponsor, (for CEC and CEC AS)			
Duration of Programme	52 weeks per year		Eligibility start and end dates (max 50 weeks per year) depending on availability	Max 52 weeks per year depending on availability	Eligibility start and end dates (max 50 weeks per year) depending on availability	Eligibility start and end dates (max 50 weeks per year) depending on availability
Full-Day Weekly Payment (5 hours +)	Band A (with medical card) Band AJ (with medical card) Band B	€95pw €50pw (cap) €50pw	€145pw	-	-	-
Part-time Weekly Payment(3:31-5:00 hours)	Band A (with medical card) Band AJ (with medical card) Band B	€47.5pw €47.5pw €25pw	80pw + 14 wk top-up at €145pw	-	€80pw *flat rate	-
Sessional Weekly Payment (2:16-3:30 hours)	Band A (with medical card) Band AJ (with medical card) Band B)	€31.35pw €31.35pw €17pw	-	-	-	-
Half Session Weekly Payment(1:00-2:15 hours)	Band A (with medical card) Band AJ (with medical card) Band B	€15.20pw €15.20pw €8.50pw	-	-	-	-
After-School	-		€45pw + 14wk top-up at €145pw	€40pw + 10 wk top-up at €105pw	-	€40pw + 10wk top-up to part-time at €80pw *flat rate
After-School + Pickup	-		€80pw + 14wk top-up at €145pw	€80pw + + 10 wk top-up at €105pw	-	-
Maximum Parental Contribution	Subvention plus parental contribution combined cannot exceed the cost of the place as per service fee payment policy		Full-Day Part-time After-School After-School with P-Up	€25pw €15pw €5pw €15pw	€15pw	€15pw

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The table below outlines the CCS eligibility criteria for Bands A, AJ and B, based on the type of service the child is availing of. (The list of payments under Band A/AJ in the table is not exhaustive). A Medical Card is required with Band A and Band AJ payments.

Table 2: CCS Band Eligibility		
Band A (with medical card)	Band AJ (with medical card)*	Band B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One Parent Family Payment ▪ Widows/Widowers Pension ▪ Pre-retirement Allowance ▪ Farm Assist ▪ State Pension ▪ Blind Pension ▪ Guardian's Payment ▪ Illness/Injury Benefit*** ▪ Disability Allowance ▪ Carer's Benefit/ Allowance ▪ Back to Work Enterprise/Education Allowance ▪ Community Employment / Rural Social Scheme ▪ Domiciliary Care Allowance ▪ Family Income Supplement (FIS) ▪ Secondary School students ▪ Invalidity Pension ▪ Disablement Pension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job Seekers Benefit/ Allowance ▪ Supplementary Welfare Allowance** ▪ Tús ▪ Part-time Job Incentive Scheme ▪ Gateway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medical Card ▪ GP Visit Card (over 6yr+ only) ▪ Parents who are in receipt of Social Welfare payments listed under Band A/AJ but have no medical card ▪ Parents who no longer qualify for Band A/AJ this year but who were verified as being on Band A/AJ at the end of the previous school year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official Tusla Referrals (no medical card required) ▪ HSE Public Health Nurse referrals (no medical card required) 		

* Parents who qualify for Band AJ (with medical card) e.g. a parent in receipt of Jobseekers Benefit/Allowance (JB / JA) and with a medical card qualify for subvented childcare to a maximum of €50 subvention for full day-care per week (Band AJ). This cap applies where a child attends from 3 full days to 5 full days per week. Parents in receipt of Jobseekers Benefit/Allowance (JB / JA) and do **not** have a medical card qualify for subvented childcare under Band B.

** A similar cap applies to Basic Payments under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, as many of those in receipt of such payments are awaiting a decision on a Jobseekers Benefit/Allowance claim. In the event that this payment concludes with a successful claim which attracts a full rate Band A eligibility, with a medical card (e.g. One Parent Family Payment) then the eligibility for that payment can be back dated to the September of that given academic year for which the basic payment applied. However, the successful claim, which must have been backdated to include the CCS snap-shot week, must be appealed as part of the CCS Appeals Process

*** No Band is automatically applied to those parents on **Maternity Benefit**, partaking in a **Springboard course** and/or a **National Internship Programme (NIP/JobBridge)**, or in receipt of the ETB/SOLAS Training Allowance on CCS Snap-shot week. The appropriate band will be decided on a case by case basis, based on the allowance received immediately prior to the course/programme/training/benefit.

**** GP visit card is now universal for children 0-6 and therefore will now only apply to Band B subvention eligibility for 6yrs+. Children under 6 who were approved for Band B subvention in 2014/15 due to child's GP visit card will still be eligible.

*****Parents on Disability/Illness/Occupational Injury Benefit will be reviewed during the course of the academic year ('DB Review'). If the relevant Benefit no longer applies at the review, the band will be amended accordingly. A parent may appeal the assigned Band with evidence of a different eligible Social Welfare payment being received during the DB Review period.

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Sample List of DSP Allowances, their codes and level of CCS Band expected.			
DSP Allowance	Code	Parent Band (with med card)	Parent Band (without med card)
One Parent Family Payment	OPF	A	B
Widow/Widowers Pension Contrib/Non-Contributory	WCP / WPNC	A	B
Pre-Retirement Allowance	PRTA	A	B
Farm Assist / Fish Assist	FASS / FISH	A	B
State Pension Contrib / Non-Contributory	State Pension Contrib / Non-Contributory	A	B
Blind Pension	BLDP	A	B
Guardian's Payment Contrib / Non-Contributory	GRDP / GPC/GPNC	A	B
Illness / Injury Benefit (Disability Benefit)	DB	A* (Reviewed during year under DB Review)	B* (Reviewed during year under DB Review)
Occupational Injury Benefit	OIB	A* (Reviewed during year under DB Review)	B* (Reviewed during year under DB Review)
Disability Allowance	DA	A	B
Carer's Benefit / Allowance	Carers B/ Carers	A	B
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	BTW	A	B
Back to Education Allowance	BTE	A	B
Community Employment	CE	A	B
Rural Social Scheme	RSS	A	B
Domiciliary Care Allowance	DCA	A	B
Family Income Supplement	FIS	A	B
Invalidity Pension	INVP	A	B
Disablement Pension	DP	A	B
Job Seekers Benefit / Allowance	UB / UA / C-UB/ C – UA / SST	AJ	B
Supplementary Welfare Allowance (1)	BASI	AJ	B
Tús	Tús	AJ	B
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	Part-time JI	AJ	B
Gateway	Gateway	AJ	B

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CCS Eligibility Criteria not checked through DSP – requires verification documents					
	Code	Parent Band (with med card)	Child Band (with med card)	Parent Band (without med card)	Child Band (without med card)
Secondary School Student	2 nd level student	A	N/A	B	N/A
Tusla Referrals (social workers)	Tusla Referral	N/A	A	N/A	A
HSE Referrals (PHNs)	HSE Referral	N/A	A	N/A	A
Medical Card	Med card	B	B	B	B
GP Visit Card 6+	GPVC	B	B	B	B

- 1) For those who show proof of Supplementary Welfare Allowance please ensure it does not also state Direct Provision as this does not entitle the parent to subvention. Direct Provision is paid to Asylum Seekers who fall under the Department of Justice.
- 2) Parents who no longer qualify for Band A / AJ this year but who were verified by DCYA as being on Band A /AJ at the end of the previous programme year would be entitled Parent Band B in the following previous year (one year only).

Payments made by DSP that are NOT Eligible for CCS Programme (this is not exhaustive)
Child Benefit
Creche Supplement
Fuel Allowance
Travel Allowance
Rent Supplement
Dietary Supplement
Exceptional Needs Payments
Exceptional Needs Payments
Local Authority Mortgage
Mortgage Interest Supplement
Other (under Supplementary Welfare Allowance)
Direct Provision

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Programme Eligibility Documentation Required			
Programme	Eligibility Criteria	Where to get relevant eligibility documentation	Please note
ECCE	Date of Birth.	Child PPSN and D.O.B is used to check eligibility	In circumstances where a child has been in ECCE previously the number of weeks used will be tracked and deducted from eligibility i.e. no additional weeks are provided, max 38 weeks overall.
CCS	See CCS Guide for eligibility criteria for the different CCS bands CCS is based on the child being registered in the service across snap-shot week, as determined annually, with attendance registered as per the level of service the parent enrolled/is paying for.	Child and Parent PPSN and D.O.B is used to check for most eligibility. Verification documentation may be required to support an application (see CCS guide)	Must be eligible for CCS during the CCS snap-shot week. Band Approval is only valid when verification process is complete. Service providers can request document evidence of eligibility on registration and again on CCS snap-shot week if applying subvention before approval.
TEC – CETS	Eligible courses are determined by Department of Education (relevant ETB and Solas Programmes)	Child and Parent PPSN and D.O.B and Letter of eligibility and official course calendar are issued by the training provider of the relevant ETB/Solas programme providers	Official course calendar from ETB/solas required to be submitted First come first served basis – eligibility does not guarantee a childcare place.
TEC – ASCC	Eligibility is determined by the Department of Social Protection	Child and Parent PPSN and D.O.B and Letter of ASCC eligibility available from local Department of Social Protection Office ONLY	Eligibility for ASCC is only available up to 26 weeks after starting job/increasing hours of work. First come first serve basis – eligibility does not guarantee a childcare place.
TEC – CEC (PS) and 20 th August 2015 (AS)	Eligibility is determined by the Dept of Social Protection	Child and Parent PPSN and D.O.B and Letter of eligibility from CE Sponsor ONLY	First come first serve basis – eligibility does not guarantee a childcare place. 6

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Moving from once Childcare Programme to another during the programme year- What is Allowed?

Programme	In the Same Service	How to	Different Service	How to
ECCE to ECCE	N/A	N/A	Yes	First service completes the PIP ECCE Leaver form – 4 weeks payment notice period required. New Service can only register for remaining eligibility of the 38 weeks allowable.
ECCE to TEC	Yes	Complete the ECCE PIP Leaver form with correct date (actual leaving date) to cancel 4 weeks notice period and then register the child for TEC Programme with appropriate eligibility documentation	Yes	First Service completes the PIP ECCE Leaver form – 4 weeks payment notice period required.* New Service Registers the child for TEC Programme with appropriate eligibility documentation *Note: Under exceptional circumstances the notice period may be waived and the child can join the new service immediately – ‘Already registered registration request should be submitted to present a case’.
ECCE to CCS	Yes – if the child is registered in the service on or before CCS Snap-shot week. i.e. Only before CCS Snap-shot week	Complete the PIP ECCE Leaver form with correct date to cancel 4 weeks notice period and then Complete the CCS Registration Form in time for CCS Snap-shot week.	Only before CCS Snap-shot week	First Service completes the PIP ECCE Leaver form – 4 weeks payment notice period required.*ECCE notice period must be finished in time for CCS Snap-shot week. New Service Registers the child for CCS Programme in new service. *Note: Under exceptional circumstances the notice period may be waived and the child can be considered for CCS– ‘Already registered registration request should be submitted to present a case’.

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Programme	In the Same Service	How to	Different Service	How to
TEC to TEC	Yes – based on eligibility one can transfer from one TEC programme to another	Complete the first PIP TEC Leaver form with correct date and then register the child for other TEC Programme with appropriate eligibility documentation	Yes - in same TEC Programme or to a different TEC Programme if eligible.	<p>First Service completes the relevant PIP TEC Leaver form with correct date (2 weeks notice period can be manually added if service requires it)*</p> <p>New Service registers the child with eligibility documents or by submitting registration request and referencing original Reg ID to track eligibility approval.</p> <p>For a different TEC Programme register with appropriate eligibility documentation for approval.</p> <p>*Note: Under exceptional circumstances the notice period may be waived and the child can join the new service immediately – ‘Already registered registration request should be submitted to present a case’.</p>
TEC to ECCE	Yes	Complete the PIP TEC Leaver form with correct date and then register the child for ECCE Programme.	Yes	<p>First Service completes the PIP TEC Leaver form - with correct date (2 weeks notice period can be manually added if service requires it).</p> <p>New Service Registers the child for ECCE Programme. ECCE Start date applies only after TEC notice period is over, if it was applied.</p>

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Programme	In the Same Service	How to	Different Service	How to
TEC to CCS	YES – if the child was in the service during CCS snap-shot week but was registered on a TEC Programme (Cut-off date applies) No gap in service provision between TEC to CCS is allowed i.e. it must be a direct move from TEC to CCS.	Complete the PIP TEC Leaver form with correct date and then register the child for CCS Programme with a TEC Exemption request and relevant CCS eligibility documentation (based on snap-shot week) and level of service provision required.	Only if transferring on or before CCS snap-shot week. CCS TEC Exemption does not apply to a different service.	First service completes the PIP TEC Leaver form with correct date (2 weeks notice period can be manually added if service requires it). *TEC notice period must be finished in time for CCS Snap-shot week. New Service registers the child for CCS Programme in time for CCS Snap-shot week.
CCS to CCS	N/A	N/A	YES – only if first CCS service is in a position to release the CCS funding. (Cut-off date applies)	Transfer can only be accepted based on first level (Band/days/session etc) of service approval. First service completes a PIP CCS Leaver Form choosing the release funding option (i.e. releases remainder of funding for the year) New Service completes a CCS registration Form in the second service choosing the 'transfer' option. N.B. New service should confirm that first service did release the funding (ask parent for copy of PIP Leaver Form/do not confirm placement until PIP Approval comes through)
CCS to ECCE	YES – only if first CCS service is in a position to release the CCS funding. (Cut-off date applies)	Complete a PIP CCS Leaver Form choosing the release funding option and then complete a ECCE registration Form	Yes – only if first CCS service is in a position to release the CCS funding. (Cut-off date applies)	First Service complete a PIP CCS Leaver Form choosing the release funding option. New Service completes a ECCE registration form. N.B. New service should confirm that first service did release the funding (ask parent for copy of PIP Leaver Form/do not confirm placement until PIP Approval comes through)

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Programme	In the Same Service	How to	Different Service	How to
CCS to TEC	Yes only if the CCS service is in a position to release the CCS funding to receive the TEC funding instead.	Complete a PIP CCS Leaver Form choosing the release funding option and then complete a TEC registration Form with relevant eligibility documentation and submits it with a registration request under 'other'.	Yes – only if the first service does not provide the TEC programme or the course is at a distant too far from the first service and the child needs to be moved for access reasons.	First Service completes a PIP CCS Leaver Form (release funding option <u>does not</u> have to be chosen but 'yes' or 'no' needs to be selected) and then new service completes a TEC registration form with relevant eligibility documentation and submits it with a registration request under 'other' with proof of need to move.
CCS to TEC to CCS	YES – if the child was in the service for CCS but moved to TEC before CCS Snap-shot week, they can then transfer back to CCS on TEC end-date as long as there was no gap in service provision between the programmes i.e. it must be a direct move CCS to TEC and from TEC to CCS. (Cut-off date applies) *parent must have been otherwise eligible for CCS Snap-shot week	Complete the PIP CCS Leaver form (release funding) with correct date and then register the child for TEC. When the TEC period ends/PIP leaver is submitted register for CCS Programme with a TEC Exemption request and relevant CCS eligibility documentation (based on snap-shot week). References first CCS Registration ID.	No	N/A

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Can a Child be registered in different Childcare Programmes at the same time?

Programme	In the Same Service	How to	Different Service	How to
ECCE and ECCE at the same time	N/A	N/A	Only in exceptional circumstances e.g. joint access arrangements that mean a child is too far a distance from one home to another to attend same service. (case by case basis)	Register Child for each programme. The second programme to be registered will block as 'Already Registered in another Programme' – submit registration request with details and wait for approval.
ECCE and TEC at the same time	Yes – only if the TEC eligibility is for outside of ECCE hours e.g. course is on in the afternoon and ECCE is run in the morning	Register Child for each programme. The second programme to be registered will block as 'Already Registered in another Programme' – submit registration request with details and wait for approval	Yes – only if the TEC eligibility is for outside of ECCE hours e.g. course is on in the afternoon and ECCE is run in the morning	Register Child for each programme. The second programme to be registered will block as 'Already Registered in another Programme' – submit registration request with details and wait for approval
ECCE and CCS at the same time	No	N/A	Only in exceptional circumstances e.g. specific ECCE only service but CCS part-time childcare also required in another service (case by case basis)	CCS Approval can only be based on child registered across CCS snap-shot week. The second programme to be registered will block as 'Already Registered in another Programme' – if there is an exceptional need then the second service can submit a registration request under 'other' presenting a case for the exception which will be considered.
TEC and CCS at the same time	No	N/A	Only in exceptional circumstances	CCS Approval can only be based on child registered across CCS snap-shot week. The second programme to be registered will block as 'Already Registered in another Programme' – if there is an exceptional need then the second service can submit a registration request under 'other' presenting a case for the exception which will be considered.

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Programme	In the Same Service	How to	Different Service	How to
TEC and TEC at the same time	There should be no reason to be on two TEC Programmes at the same time CETS allows for full-time/part-time or afterschool. ASCC allows for Afterschool and CEC AS allows for Afterschool. CEC PS is for pre-school children only.	N/A	Yes – only if the TEC eligibility is for outside of the days/hours registered in the other service i.e. splitting TEC eligibility across two services.	Each Service Registers the Child for each programme. The second programme to be registered will block as 'Already Registered in another Programme' – submit registration request with details and wait for approval
ECCE, TEC and CCS at the same time	No	N/A	No	N/A

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TEC Programme Frequently Asked Questions			
What if?	Answer	Documentation Required	Please note
TEC Parent Eligible for Childcare that will go in to next Programme Call Year	<p>Complete Child Registration Form providing the correct eligibility dates and then childcare start and end dates to the end of the Programme Call Year. Allow this registration to expire.</p> <p>If parent stays on course, a new registration will be required to be submitted at the beginning of the next programme call year however by referencing the original Registration ID the eligibility approval can be tracked and so no new documentation will be required. Childcare start and end dates will not be allowed outside of the eligibility start and end dates.</p>	<p>Documents required:</p> <p>Eligibility documentation should be attached or a registration request detailing original Registration ID should be submitted so that eligibility documentation can be tracked.</p>	<p>At the end of August CCCs will be informed of data from PIP of eligibility for childcare into the next Programme Call Year so that CCCs can remind services that the parent needs to re-register the child if they are continuing on the course/placement and still want the childcare.</p>
TEC Parent Extending Eligibility within the Programme Call Year	<p>The existing registration should be allowed to expire on PIP. A new registration covering the extended eligibility dates should be submitted in PIP, even if it's only a couple of week's extension.</p>	<p>New eligibility documentation should be submitted and approved.</p> <p>If the new eligibility extends beyond programme call year – follow instructions above.</p>	<p>Extension of eligibility is effectively a request for a new place and so approval is based on programme up-take on a first come first serve basis.</p>
TEC Parent seeking childcare only to cover mid-term and summer periods (block periods).	<p>This is allowable if eligible for CETS or CEC but is not allowable as part of ASCC. ASCC requires that the parents had the need and ongoing need from point of eligibility for ASCC.</p>	<p>Relevant CETS or CEC eligibility applies. Register child for the CETS or CEC programme with a start and end date for childcare required. A 'top-up' can also be applied (after initial approval) if required in that same period e.g. CEC AS for two weeks with a top-up to part-time rate for those two weeks.</p>	<p>See PIP How to Guide - TEC Amend Guide Appendix 2 for details of other TEC amend/top-ups</p>

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What if?	Answer	Documentation Required	Please note
Child absent from TEC programme	<p>A service provider should enquire into absence within the first week.</p> <p>A PIP Leaver form must be submitted after two weeks absence from the programme.</p> <p>If there is good reason for absence beyond two weeks service provider must contact the CCC in writing (email will suffice) to seek authorisation not to submit a PIP Leaver Form. The CCC will submit a note on the PIP System for compliance purposes.</p>	Record of authorisation (email will suffice) not to submit PIP Leaver Form should be kept on file for compliance purposes.	CCC should note any specific arrangements with a service against a registration's 'notes' on PIP CRM to assist compliance information storage.
TEC parent not attending course as on maternity leave - child is still attending the service.	If a parent is on Maternity Leave then they are no longer considered to be attending their course/placement and so are no longer eligible. A PIP Leaver Form must be completed and a new registration can be submitted when the parent returns to the course/work programme after the maternity leave.	N/A	N/A
TEC Parent is not attending course as on sick-leave - child is still attending the service	A parent's sick leave needs to be considered on a case by case basis – contact local CCC for authorisation to keep childcare place open. The CCC will add a note to the PIP System for compliance purposes.	<p>CCC may need to contact the 'course/workplace sponsor who issued the eligibility to consider any sick leave circumstances.</p> <p>Record of authorisation from CCC (email will suffice) not to submit PIP Leaver Form should be kept on file for compliance purposes</p>	CCC should note any specific arrangements with a service against a registration's 'notes' on PIP CRM to assist compliance information storage

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TEC parent has not signed the sign-in sheets for a number of weeks, but no indication to service that parent has left course/work programme.	TEC sign in sheets are for parents to 'declare' to the service that they are still in attendance at their relevant course/work programme. Service Providers are responsible for asking parents to 'sign in'. Failure to 'sign in' will require that the service considers the parent is no longer on the course/work and so the parent must be informed that the child must be submitted as a PIP Leaver. (unless sick leave as above applies)	TEC sign in sheets are examined as part of compliance visits and may be queried for further information.	
TEC Parent seeking changeable care arrangements (no pattern). Example: additional full time care needed when on work placement but work placement hours not set.	Currently, the only way to allow this is for new registrations to be submitted for each change i.e. childcare start and end date for first pattern. Then new registration (ref ID eligibility) with new childcare start and end date for second pattern and so on	Parent Declaration Form required for each registration. In the event of a specific arrangement that cannot be registered accurately on PIP the service provider must seek authorisation in writing (email will suffice) by their local CCC and keep as evidence on file for compliance purposes. The CCC will write a note on the PIP System also.	CCC should note any specific arrangements with a service against a registration's 'notes' on PIP CRM to assist compliance information storage.
TEC CETS Child does not attend for childcare for one week – does the parent have to pay the parent contribution.	As part of CETS registration the service provider should request the parent's course calendar to note the weeks the parent is not on the course. The parent does not have to pay the parent contribution for the weeks the course is not running unless they choose to avail of the childcare that week. If a parent does not avail of childcare on a week their course is on (as per course calendar) then they are obliged to pay the max €15 parent fee.	N/A	Service provider discretion allowed if they wish to make alternative arrangements with the parent regarding fees as long as parent is not charged beyond the maximum parent contribution set. All charges to parents may be queried at a compliance visit to ensure that any alternative arrangements remain within the rules of the programme

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ECCE Programme Frequently Asked Questions – THESE FAQs WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

What if?	Answer	Documentation Required	Please note
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CCS Programme Frequently Asked Questions -THESE FAQs WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

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