

Type of Band	Subvention (Subvention amounts outlined below are weekly payments, paid directly to the service)	Categories
Band A	Full Day Care (Over 5 hrs & 1min) - €100 p/wk Part –time Care( 3.30hrs – 5 hrs) - €50 per wk Sessional Care (2.15 – 3.30hrs) - €33 per wk Shorter Hours (Up to 2.15hrs) - €16 per wk	From Sept 2010 parents will qualify for the Band A rate where they are in receipt of: Social Welfare Payment e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Income Supplement (FIS)</li> <li>• Widow’s/ Widower’s Pension</li> <li>• Carer’s Benefit</li> <li>• One-parent Family Payment</li> <li>• Supplementary Welfare Allowance</li> <li>• Pre-retirement Allowance</li> <li>• Domicillary Care Allowance</li> <li>• Invalidity Pension</li> <li>• Guardian’s Payment</li> <li>• Illness/ Injury Benefit</li> <li>• Disablement Benefit</li> <li>• State Pension</li> <li>• Blind Pension</li> <li>• Farm Assist</li> <li>• Disability Allowance</li> <li>• Job Seeker’s Benefit/Assistance - will qualify on a part-time basis only (not more than 5 hours)</li> </ul>
Band B	Full Day Care (Over 5 hrs & 1min) - €50 per wk Part –time Care( 3.30hrs – 5 hrs) - €25 per wk Sessional Care (2.15 – 3.30hrs) - €17 per wk Shorter Hours (Up to 2.15hrs) - €8.50 per wk	From Sept 2010 parents will qualify for the Band B rate if they are a low income working parent e.g. Parents holding a GP or Medical card.

**How Do I Qualify?**

- In September of every year, the childcare service will ask you to complete a Parental Declaration Form (PDF).
- Complete the form with parent PPS number (only one parent's PPS number is required – that of the person who is in receipt of any benefits) and the PPS number/s of your child/children.
- The service sends all PDF's up to the OMCYA where the information is verified.
- The OMCYA then sends the service a list of qualifying children.
- The service may ask you to bring in evidence to prove your entitlement as there can be a time delay between completing the form and the OMCYA verifying the information.
- If the OMCYA does not identify you as entitled, you can appeal this decision with the OMCYA.

**Parents, please note:**

- Each community childcare service sets their fees based on the cost of providing a quality childcare place in their service.
- The cost of places will vary from service to service.
- Parents not entitled to subvention under Band A or B must pay the full rate.
- Childcare service will ensure your personal information will be confidential.
- You cannot claim both CCS and ECCE in respect of one child however you could have one child in CSS and another child in ECCE.