

ECCE: Early Childhood Care and Education

What is the ECCE scheme?

The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme is a universal childcare programme designed to give children access to 2 years free pre-school education before they start primary school. The programme is delivered to children of pre-school age (2 years 8 months to 5 years 6 months) prior to commencing primary school.

All children are entitled to 2 full academic years (76 weeks) on the ECCE scheme. The ECCE scheme operates for 38 weeks of the year, 5 days a week, 3 hours a day. Children must be 2 years 8 months by 31 August to start on the ECCE scheme.

Eligible Age Range

The eligibility ages are outlined below:

To avail of the ECCE Programme with effect from:	Children must have been born between the following dates (both date inclusive):
September 2019 - June 2020	1 January 2015 - 31 December 2016
September 2020 - June 2021	1 January 2016 - 31 December 2017
September 2021 - June 2022	1 January 2017 - 31 December 2018
September 2022 - June 2023	1 January 2018 - 31 December 2019

Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) is a child-centred model, involving seven levels of progressive support, moving from universal to the targeted, based on the needs of the child and the pre-school provider.

AIM is designed to enable children with disabilities to access and fully participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme.

Further information is available at Access Inclusion Model website <http://aim.gov.ie/>

ECCE Guide for Parents



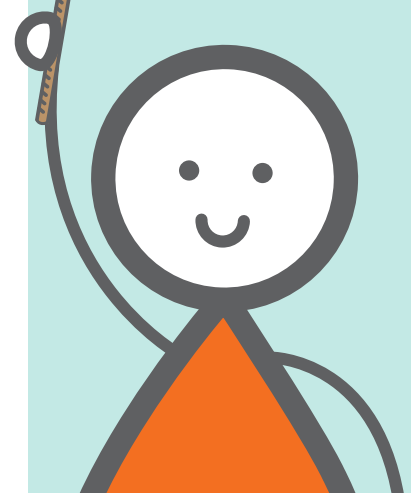
What should I look for when choosing an early years' service?



Go to ECI Website: <http://bit.ly/ChoosingChildcare>



Check out the ECI Childcare Search: <http://bit.ly/ChildcareSearch>



Children born in 2015

Birth month and year	Entry Point	Number of weeks 2017-2018	Entry Point	Number of weeks 2018-2019	Entry Point	Total eligible weeks	Start school year	Start school age
Jan 15	Apr 18	12	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	88	Sep 20	5.8
Feb 15	Apr 18	12	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	88	Sep 20	5.7
Mar 15	Apr 18	12	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	88	Sep 20	5.6
Apr 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.5
May 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.4
Jun 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.3
Jul 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.2
Aug 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5.1
Sep 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	5
Oct 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	4.11
Nov 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	4.10
Dec 15	-	0	Sep 18	38	Sep 19	76	Sep 20	4.9

Children born in 2016

Birth Month and year	Entry Point year 1	Number of weeks 2019-2020	Entry point year 2	Number of weeks 2020-2021	Total number of weeks	School start year	Start school age
Jan 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.8
Feb 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.7
Mar 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.6
Apr 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.5
May 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.4
Jun 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.3
Jul 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.2
Aug 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5.1
Sep 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	5
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Nov 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	4.10
Dec 16	Sep 19	38	Sep 20	38	76	Sep 21	4.9

Children born in 2017

Birth Month and year	Entry Point year 1	Number of weeks 2020-2021	Entry point year 2	Number of weeks 2021-2022	Total number of weeks	School start year	Start school age
Jan 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.8
Feb 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.7
Mar 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.6
Apr 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	5.5
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Nov 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	4.10
Dec 17	Sep 20	38	Sep 21	38	76	Sep 22	4.9

Children born in 2018

Birth Month and year	Entry Point year 1	Number of weeks 2020-2021	Entry point year 2	Number of weeks 2021-2022	Total number of weeks	School start year	Start school age
Jan 18	Sep 21	38	Sep 22	38	76	Sep 23	5.8
Feb 18	Sep 21	38	Sep 22	38	76	Sep 23	5.7
Mar 18	Sep 21	38	Sep 22	38	76	Sep 23	5.6
Apr 18	Sep 21	38	Sep 22	38	76	Sep 23	5.5
May 18	Sep 21	38	Sep 22	38	76	Sep 23	5.4
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