

BELGIUM (3 Communities) : Main forms of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age obligation

| | Name of Provision ¹ | Type of Arrangement ² | Ages Served ³ | Sector of Provision ⁴ | Opening Hours ⁵ | | | Registration Criteria ⁶ | Priority Criteria ⁷ | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | within a day | within a week | within a year | | | |
| Communities | French | crèche | day nursery | <3years | PB & 1/2PR | >=10h | 5d | >=220d | UNIV ^a | WRK, ECO, SP |
| | | prégardiennats | day nursery | 1,6-<3years | PB & 1/2PR | >=10h | 5d | >=220d | UNIV ^a | WRK, ECO, SP |
| | | maison communale d'accueil de l'enfant (MCAE) | daycare centre | <3(6)years | PB | >=10h | 5d | >=220d | UNIV ^a | WRK,ECO,SP |
| | | maison d'enfants | daycare centre | <3(6)years | PR | vary ^b | vary ^b | vary ^b | UNIV | NO |
| | | servide d'accueillantes conventionnées | family day care services | <6years | PB & 1/2PR | vary ^b | vary ^b | vary ^b | UNIV ^a | WRK,ECO,SP |
| | Flemish | accueillante autonome | family day care | <6years | PR | vary ^b | vary ^b | vary ^b | UNIV | NO |
| | | école maternelle | preschool | 2,6-<6years | PB & 1/2PR | <=7h30 | 4,5d | 182d (37w) | UNIV | NO |
| | | kinderdagverblijf | daycare centre | <3(6)years | PB & 1/2PR | >=11h | 5d | >=220d | UNIV ^a | WRK,ECO,SP |
| | | mini-crèche | daycare centre | <3(6)years | PR | vary ^b | vary ^b | vary ^b | UNIV | NO |
| | | zelfstandig kinderdagverblijf | daycare centre | <3(6)years | PR | vary ^b | vary ^b | vary ^b | UNIV | NO |
| German | diensten voor onthaalouders | family day care services | <6years | PB & 1/2PR | >=11h | 5d | >=220d | UNIV ^a | WRK,ECO,SP | |
| | zelfstandige onthaalouders | family day care | <6years | PR | vary ^b | vary ^b | vary ^b | UNIV | NO | |
| | kleuterschool | preschool | 2,6-<6years | PB & 1/2PR | <=7h | 4,5d | 182d | UNIV | NO | |
| | kinderkrippe | day nursery | <3years | 1/2PR | 10h30 | 5d | 48w | UNIV ^a | WRK,ECO,SP | |
| | tagesmütterdienst | family day care services | <3(12)years | 1/2PR | 10h | 5d | 220d | UNIV | NO | |
| | selbständige tagesmütter | family day care | <3(12)years | PR | vary ^b | vary ^b | vary ^b | UNIV | NO | |
| | kindergarten | preschool | 2,6-<6years | PB & 1/2PR | 8h | 4,5d | 180-184d (37w) | UNIV (PRIOR) ^c | NO (GEOG) ^d | |

Name of Provision¹ : Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

Type of Arrangement² : Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

Ages Served³ : <3years = 0 to 35 months old ; 1,6-<3years = 18 to 35 months old ; <3(6)years = 0 to 35(71) months old ; 2,6-<6years = 30 to 71 months old

Sector of Provision⁴ : According to the provider of care, **PB** when = the government (local/regional or national/federal); **1/2 PR** when= the non profit private sector; **PR** when = the for profit private sector

Opening Hours⁵ = Regular (average) opening hours of the arrangement during the year :

a) **within a day** = number of hours (h) covered during the day ; b) **within a week** = number of days (d) covered during the week ; c) **within a year** = number of days (d) or weeks (w) covered during the year

Registration Criteria⁶ = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement :

UNIV = there are no criteria restricting the admission ; **PRIOR** = see "priority criteria"

Priority Criteria⁷ = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement :

WRK = working parent(s) ; SP = special needs of the child or family ; ECO = financial situation of the family ; NO = no priority criteria of access to registration ; **GEOG** = home location

Additional Notes : (u) Due to a shortage of places for the <3years old, priority criteria are usually applied ; (β) The structure/family day carer choose their own opening hours, which are generally equivalent to a full time : around 10h/day, 5days/week, >=44w/year ; (γ) When it is a municipal structure, admission is on condition to live in the same municipality

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