

## BELGIUM : Main forms of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age obligation

Name of Provision <sup>1</sup>	Type of Arrangement <sup>2</sup>	Ages Served <sup>3</sup>	Sector of Provision <sup>4</sup>	Opening Hours <sup>5</sup>			Registration Criteria <sup>6</sup>	Priority Criteria <sup>7</sup>
				within a day	within a week	within a year		
crèche/ kinderkrippe	day nursery	<3years	PB & 1/2PR	>=10h	5d	>=44w	UNIV <sup>a</sup>	WRK, ECO, SP
kinderdagverblijf / maison communale d'accueil de l'enfant	daycare centre	<6years	PB & 1/2PR	>=10h	5d	>=44w	UNIV <sup>a</sup>	WRK, ECO, SP
zelfstandig kinderdagverblijf / maison d'enfants	daycare centre	<6years	PR	vary <sup>β</sup>	vary <sup>β</sup>	vary <sup>β</sup>	UNIV	NO
diensten voor onthaalouders / servide d'accueillantes conventionnées / tagesmütterdienst	family day care services	<3(6)years	PB & 1/2PR	vary <sup>β</sup>	vary <sup>β</sup>	vary <sup>β</sup>	UNIV <sup>a</sup>	WRK,ECO,SP
zelfstandige onthaalouders / accueillante autonome / selbständige tagesmütter	family day care	<3(6)years	PR	vary <sup>β</sup>	vary <sup>β</sup>	vary <sup>β</sup>	UNIV	NO
kleuterschool/école maternelle/kindergarten	preschool	2,5(3)-<6years	PB & 1/2PR	vary : <=8h	4,5d	vary : around 37w	UNIV	NO (GEOG <sup>γ</sup> )

**Name of Provision<sup>1</sup>** : Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

**Type of Arrangement<sup>2</sup>** : Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

**Ages Served<sup>3</sup>** : <3years = 0 to 35 months ; <6years = 0-71 months ; 1,5-<3years = 18 to 35 months ; 2,5-<6years = 30 to 71 months

**Sector of Provision<sup>4</sup>** : 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 Hours<sup>5</sup>** = 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 weeks (w) covered during the year

**Registration Criteria<sup>6</sup>** = 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 Criteria<sup>7</sup>** = 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** : (α) Due to a shortage of places for the <3years old, priority criteria are usually applied ; (β) The structure chooses its own opening hours, which are generally equivalent to a full time : around 10h/day, 5days/week, >=44w/year ; (γ) Sometimes admission may be conditioned to living near the structure

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