

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

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		
päiväkoti-daghem	daycare centre	10months-<7years	PB	vary on D <sup>a</sup> : +/-10h	5d	all year (12m)	UNIV	vary <sup>7</sup>
päiväkoti-daghem	daycare centre	10months-<7years	PR	vary on D <sup>a</sup> : +/-10h	5d	all year (12m)	UNIV	vary <sup>7</sup>
perhepäivähoito - familje dagvård	family day care	10months-<7years	PB	vary on D <sup>a</sup> : +/-10h	5d	all year (12m)	UNIV	vary <sup>7</sup>
perhepäivähoito - familje dagvård	family day care	10months-<7years	PR	vary on D <sup>a</sup> : +/-10h	5d	all year (12m)	UNIV	vary <sup>7</sup>
avoin varhaiskasvatus	open ECEC	3-<7years	PB	vary	vary	vary	UNIV	vary <sup>7</sup>
esiopetus-förskoleundervisning	preschool education	6years	PB	<=5h <sup>β</sup>	vary <sup>β</sup>	10m <sup>β</sup>	UNIV	vary <sup>7</sup>

**Name of Provision<sup>1</sup>** : Original name of Main institutional arrangements for provision of early childhood education and care (ecec) within the country (original name)

**Type of Arrangement<sup>2</sup>** : Basic nomencl. Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care (ecec) services

**Ages Served<sup>3</sup>** : 10 months-<7years = 10 to 71 months ; 3-<7 years = 36 to 71 months ; 6years = 72 to 83 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 months (m) 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 ; STU = parent(s) in training

**Additional Notes** : (α) varies on D : timetables vary according to the need of the families ; (β) timetables for the preschool class vary, but there is a legal entitlement for 700h/year free of charge

(γ) Each municipality has to provide a childcare place for families requesting one for their child(ren). According to local specificities, the types of childcare available may vary and accordingly the priority criteria as well.

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