

FRANCE : Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

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		
crèche de quartier	day nursery	<3(4)years	PB & 1/2PR	vary : 8-12h	vary : usually 5d	vary : usually 47w	UNIV ^β	vary ^γ : WRK, SP, ECO
crèche parentale	day nursery	<3(4)years	1/2-PR	vary : 8-12h	vary : usually 5d	vary : usually 47w	UNIV ^β	vary ^γ : WRK, SP, ECO
crèche d'entreprise / de personnel	day nursery	<3(4)years	PR	vary : 8-12h	vary : usually 5d	vary : usually 47w	PRIOR	WRK ^δ
établissement d'accueil occasionnel	occasional care	<6years	PB & 1/2-PR	vary (but the use is only on part time)			UNIV ^β	vary ^γ : WRK, SP, ECO
assistante maternelle	family day care	<3(6)years	PR	vary ^a : 8-12h	vary ^a : usually 5d	vary ^a : usually 50w	UNIV	NO
relais assistantes maternelles	family day care services	<4(6)years	1/2-PR	vary ^a : 8-12h	vary ^a : usually 5d	vary ^a : usually 50w	UNIV ^β	vary ^γ : WRK, SP, ECO
multi-accueil/accueil polyvalent	integrated services	<4(6)years	PB & 1/2-PR	vary : 10-12h	vary : usually 5d	vary : usually 47w	UNIV ^β	vary ^γ : WRK, SP, ECO
jardin d'enfants	kindergarten	(2)3-<6years	PB	vary : 8-12h	5d	vary : 40-47w	UNIV	vary ^γ : WRK, SP, ECO
école maternelle	preschool	(2)3-<6years	PB & 1/2PR	8h	5d	10m	UNIV	GEORG; ECO=2years

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 : <3(4)years = 0 to 35(47) months old; <6years = 0 to 71 months old; <3(6)years = 0 to 35(47)months olds; (2)3-<6 years = (24)36 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 weeks (w) or months (m) 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 ; **GEORG** = home location

Additional Notes : (α) Timetables vary according to the needs of the parents ; (β) Due to a shortage of places for the <3years old, priority criteria are usually applied ;

(γ) Each structure elaborates its own criteria, generally among those three; (δ) Access is restricted to parents employed in the company financing the service

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