

ITALY : 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		
Asilo Nido	day nursery	<3years	PB & 1/2PR	vary ^a : 5-11h	5d ^b	10-11m	UNIV ⁷	WRK,SP,ECO,GEOG
Asilo Nido	day nursery	<3years	PR	vary ^a : 5-11h	5d ^b	10-12m	UNIV	NO
spazio gioco	daycare centre	1,6-<3years	PB & 1/2PR	<=5h	5d	10-11m	UNIV ⁷	WRK,SP,ECO,GEOG
spazio gioco	daycare centre	1,6-<3years	PR	<=5h	5d	10-12m	UNIV	NO
Scuola dell'infanzia	preschool	3-<6years	PB & 1/2PR	4-8h	5d	35w	UNIV	NO
Scuola dell'infanzia	preschool	3-<6years	PR	>8h	<=5d	35w	UNIV	NO

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 = 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

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 : (α) Timetables vary according to the perceived needs of the families ; (β) Sometimes Saturday mornings as well ;

(γ) Due to a shortage of places for the <3years old, priority criteria are usually applied

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