

## ECCE 2017 / 2018 Programme Opening

- Finalise 2016 / 2017 Registrations **11th August 2017**
- Contracting deadline **11th August** to ensure inclusion in the **first preliminary payment on the 25th August**
- Service Calendar deadline to commence registrations **21st August 2017**
- Registrations Open on PIP week commencing **21st August 2017**
- Payments Based on Registrations Begin **22nd September 2017**

ECCE Funded Early Years Services	Key Information	Key Dates
<b>ECCE Preliminary Payments For Existing Services</b>	The first payment will be for <u>4 weeks</u> based on the number of children registered at the <b>end of December 2016</b> . Higher Capitation will be included as part of the payment only where services were receiving Higher Capitation at the end of the 2016/2017 programme.	The first batch of preliminary payments will be made on <b>25<sup>th</sup> August 2017</b> , and subsequent payments will be made on a weekly basis until the 8 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>ECCE Preliminary Payments For New Services</b>	If the Early Years Service is in contract by the 11 <sup>th</sup> August a preliminary payment will be made on the basis of 3 children for 4 weeks.	The first batch of preliminary payments will be made on <b>25<sup>th</sup> August 2017</b> and subsequent payments will be made on a weekly basis until the 8 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>ECCE Payment Schedule</b>	Payment Schedule	The first payment based on registrations will be made on <b>22nd September 2017</b> .
<b>Higher Capitation</b>	<b>All qualifying Early Years Service Providers will need to apply / re-apply for Higher Capitation in 2017/2018.</b> Application forms and guidance are available on the DCYA website - <a href="#">DCYA ECCE</a>	Payments from <b>22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017</b> will include Higher Capitation if service approved by the DCYA for 2017/2018 programme call.
<b>Substantial Changes In Registrations*</b>	Please contact your local City or County Childcare Committee to request an increase in your first payment based on substantially increased numbers (see table below) of ECCE children starting in September 2017.  Any existing service who will have fewer children starting in September 2017 should notify Pobal via <a href="mailto:pipdocuments@pobal.ie">pipdocuments@pobal.ie</a> by 11th August 2017, including " <b>ECCE reduced numbers</b> " in the subject line.	Requests for an increase in the first payment should be submitted to your local CCC by <b>10th August 2017</b> . Submissions after this date will not be considered.

**\*Substantial Changes - Definitions**

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| New services  | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This includes services that moved premises or changed status etc. which will get paid for 3 ECCE children. Can request an increase if they <b>will have 6 or more</b> ECCE children starting in September 2017</li> </ul> |
| Existing services with up to 10 children registered last year | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not including services that moved premises or changed status etc. Can request an increase if they <b>will have more than 4 extra</b> ECCE children starting in September 2017</li> </ul>                                  |
| Existing services with over 10 children registered last year  | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can request an increase if they <b>will have more than 6 extra</b> ECCE children starting in September 2017</li> </ul>  |