

Who is the capitation grant paid to?

The capitation grant is paid to childcare services who qualify for the CETS scheme for each childcare place it is contracted for with the DCYA. .

The capitation fee will be paid to childcare services in advance, on a term by term basis:

- €170 for a full day service. In Sept 2012, this grant will be reduced to €145, and services will be allowed to charge parents a fee of €25.
- €95 for a half day service (at least 5.5 hours)
- €50 for an after school service (at least 3 hours)
- €95 for after school with provision of a required pickup service

FÁS places will be paid for a maximum of 51 weeks, and VEC places for 43 weeks.

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Will I be required to complete any forms?

Yes, you will be required to complete a CETS parental declaration form, which will require you to provide your PPS number, and that of your child(ren). The childcare service will forward this to the Department (without making a copy).

Each parent participating in an eligible FÁS or VEC course will sign an attendance form each week confirming attendance at the course and the child's attendance at the childcare service. The childcare service will send the attendance forms to RCCC at the end of each term.

The form also indicates parents to sign that they understand that they will not retain entitlement to the free place when they cease attendance at that training course.

RCCC will return the attendance sheets to the Department of Children & Youth Affairs. .



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What is the Childcare Employment and Training Support (CETS) scheme?

The CETS programme is managed by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs on behalf of FAS and the VECs. FAS and the VECs, in conjunction with the Dept of Education and Skills, decide who is eligible and the main terms and conditions of the programme.

There are about 2,800 places in total available under this programme, divided between FAS and VEC parents. Full & part-time childcare and afterschool places are available.

What are parents entitled to?

As a parent participating on an eligible FÁS / VEC course, you are entitled to free childcare for the duration of your course.

- **VEC students** will normally qualify for a childcare place for 43 weeks from Sept to June of each year.
- **FÁS trainees** will generally qualify for a CETS childcare place for courses of at least 10 weeks.

The following FÁS programmes are not eligible:

- .Community Employment (CE)

- Job Initiative (JI), Supported Employment
- Apprenticeship, Night Courses. FÁS e-College; Job Clubs and the Work Placement programmes.

Which childcare services are eligible to offer CETS places?

1. Childcare services providing full day care which may include a school age childcare service.
2. Stand alone school aged childcare services may be considered.
3. Community and private childcare services.
4. Part time services (open at least 5.5 hours per day)

How do I access the CETS scheme?

Parents, contact Roscommon County Childcare Committee to seek a CETS place. You must give the childcare service a letter from FÁS / VEC confirming that you are eligible for a CETS place. When you start your course, give a 2nd letter from FAS / VEC with the following details to the childcare service: your name, the name of the eligible course, the start date and number of weeks, confirmation that you are eligible for free childcare for CETS for this course.

It is important to note that if you have any questions about whether you are entitled to CETS, you must contact FAS or VEC as they decide eligibility for this scheme.

Can I transfer my child to another childcare scheme?

If a child is in a CETS place from the start of the pre-school year and the placement ends at a later point in the pre-school year, he or she may enter the ECCE programme in the same service or a different service. To do so, a form called 'ECCE Form 11—CETS to ECCE' must be completed and submitted to the Childcare Directorate in the Dept. of Children and Youth Affairs.

What do I do if I cannot find a childcare service with CETS places?

Call Roscommon County Childcare Committee on (094) 9622540 to match you with a services that has a CETS contract and can provide suitable childcare places for you.

Email us on info@roscommonchildcare.ie

For a list of eligible childcare services, check our website at



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