

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 OMCYA.

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

- €170 for a full day service (at least 10 hours),
- €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.

Will I have to pay extra costs?

Optional extra costs such as extra hours or school pick-up / drop off can be charged for by a childcare service.

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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 OMCYA.

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 OMCYA.



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

It is a scheme designed to support the childcare needs of participants in training and educational courses operated by FÁS and the VEC. Childcare services accepted onto the scheme by the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA) will keep a number of childcare places open for parents who may require a CETS place. This scheme is available to parents whose children have not yet completed primary school.

The OMCYA introduced the CETS scheme in September 2010.

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?

Childcare services providing full day care which may include a school age childcare service.

Stand alone school aged childcare services may be considered.

Community and private childcare services

Childcare services participating in the CCS and/or the ECCE schemes.

How do I access the CETS scheme?

When you receive a letter from FÁS / VEC offering you a training place, inform them if you have childcare requirements. If your course is eligible for the CETS scheme, they will provide you with a letter stating such, and a list of childcare services who are participating in the CETS scheme. Contact a childcare service to reserve a CETS places or contact Roscommon County Childcare Committee (RCCC).

FÁS / VEC will give trainees a letter confirming their start / end dates for courses. Give this letter to the childcare service as confirmation that you have a place on the training course.

Can I avail of other childcare schemes?

You will normally only be able to claim for one scheme: CETS, CCS or ECCE at a time.

The one exception to this is parents who may take up a short-term FÁS course (normally for 10 weeks) during the academic year. If your child is already receiving the Free Pre-school Year in Early Childhood Care and Education, you will be able to qualify for a CETS places without losing your child's ECCE place.

Before you avail of any scheme, RCCC recommends that you consider which one will be more financially beneficial to you and your family.

For further information on the CCS and ECCE schemes contact us.

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

Call Roscommon County Childcare Committee on (094) 9622540

Email us on info@roscommonchildcare.ie

For a list of eligible childcare services, check our website at www.roscommonchildcare.ie