

POLAND : 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		
zlobki	day nursery	<3years	PB	vary : +/- 9h	5d	vary ^β : +/-11m	UNIV ^γ	GEOG, WRK, SP
zlobki	day nursery	<3years	1/2PR & 1/2PR	vary : +/- 9h	5d	vary ^β : +/-11m	UNIV ^γ	NO
przedskole	preschool	(2,6)3-<7years	PB	vary ^α : +/- 9h	5d	vary ^β : +/-11m	UNIV ^γ	GEOG, WRK, SP; if shortage : 6 year olds & SP
przedskole	preschool	(2,6)3-<7years	1/2PR & PR	vary ^α : +/- 9h	5d	vary ^β : +/-11m	UNIV ^γ	NO
oddziały przedszkolne	preschool class	6years	PB, 1/2PR, PR	vary : +/- 9h	5d	vary ^β : +/-11m	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 ; (2,6)3-<7 years = (30)36 to 83 months old ; 6years = 72 to 84 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) 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 admissior

Priority Criteria⁷ = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement

GEOG = home location ; **WRK** = working parent(s) ; **SP** = special needs of the child or family ; **NO** = no priority criteria of access to registration

Additional Notes : (α) Entitlement to 5 hours per day ; (β) Vary locally according to the perceived needs of the parents ; (γ) Due to a shortage of places, priority criteria are usually applic

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