

## PORTUGAL : Main forms 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		
crèche	day nursery	<3years	PB	4-11h	5d	11 months	PRIOR	SP,STU,WRK,GEOG
crèche	day nursery	<3years	PR (mostly)	4-11h	5d	11months	UNIV	NO
creche familiar	family daycare services	<3years	1/2-PR	4-11h	5d	varies	PRIOR	ECO,WRK
amas	family daycare	<3years	PR	varies on D* (4-11h)	varies on D* (5d)	varies on D* (11months)	UNIV	NO
jardim de infância	kindergarten	3-<6years	PB	7-10h	5d	11months	UNIV (but PRIOR were shortage)	AGE (5years old, then 4, then 3); SP**, KIN**
jardim de infância	kindergarten	3-<6years	1/2PR	7-10h	5d	11months	UNIV	ECO,WRK,GEOG
jardim de infância	kindergarten	3-<6years	PR	7-10h	5d	11months	PRIOR	ECO; SP**
Centro de Animação Infantil e Comunitário (CAIC)	social program	3-<6years	PB	<5h	5d	11months	PRIOR	SP, ECO; 5 year olds**
Educação itinerante	social program	3-<6years	PB	<5h	2-3d	12months	PRIOR	AGE (5years old, then 4, then 3); GEOG; SP**,KIN**

**(1) Name of Provision :** Main institutional arrangements for provision of early childhood education and care within the country (original name)

**(2) Type of arrangement :** Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

**(3) Ages served :** <3years = 0 to 35 months ; 3-<6years = 36 to 71 months

**(4) Sector of Provision :** According to the provider of care : **PB** = the government (local/regional or national/federal); **1/2 PR** = the non profit private sector; **PR** = the for profit private sector

**(5) Opening Hours :** 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) or hours (h) covered during the week ;  
c) **within a year** = number of weeks (w) or months (m) covered during the year

**(6) Registration Criteria :** Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement : **UNIV** = there are no criteria restricting the admission ; **PRIOR** = see "priority criteria"

**(7) Priority Criteria :** Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement : **NO** = no priority criteria of access to registration ; **SP** = Special needs of the child or family ; **ECO** = financial situation of the family ; **GEOG** = home location ; **WRK** = working parent(s) ; **STU** = parent(s) in training ; **KIN** = relative in care

**(8) Number of places :** For each type of arrangement in each sector providing such type of care

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