

# SPAIN : Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care provision for children below school age

Name of Provision <sup>1</sup>	Type of Arrangement <sup>2</sup>	Ages Served <sup>3</sup>	Sector of Provision <sup>4</sup>	Opening Hours <sup>5</sup>			Registration Criteria <sup>6</sup>	Priority Criteria <sup>7</sup>
				within a day	within a week	within a year		
Educación Infantil-1ºciclo (EI-1)	preschool	<3years	PB	vary <sup>β</sup> : around 8h	vary <sup>β</sup> : <=5d	vary <sup>β</sup> : all year	UNIV	if shortage : CCAA <sup>γ</sup>
Centros concertados (EI-1)	preschool	<3years	1/2-PR	vary <sup>β</sup> : around 8h	vary <sup>β</sup> : <=5d	vary <sup>β</sup> : all year	UNIV	NO
vary <sup>α</sup> (EI-1)	preschool	<3years	PR	vary <sup>β</sup> : around 8h	vary <sup>β</sup> : <=5d	vary <sup>β</sup> : all year	UNIV	NO
Educación infantil-2ºciclo (EI-2)	preschool	3-<6years	PB	vary <sup>β</sup> : 4,30-8h	vary <sup>β</sup> : <=5d	vary <sup>β</sup> : <=37w (school term)	UNIV	if shortage : CCAA <sup>γ</sup>
Centros concertados (EI-2)	preschool	3-<6years	1/2-PR	vary <sup>β</sup> : 4,30-8h	vary <sup>β</sup> : <=5d	vary <sup>β</sup> : <=37w (school term)	UNIV	NO

**Name of Provision<sup>1</sup>** : Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

**Type of Arrangement<sup>2</sup>** : Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

**Ages Served<sup>3</sup>** : <3years = 0 to 35 months old ; 3-<6 years = 36 to 71 months old

**Sector of Provision<sup>4</sup>** : 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 Hours<sup>5</sup>** = 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 Criteria<sup>6</sup>** = 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"

**Priority Criteria<sup>7</sup>** = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement :

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

**Additional Notes** : (α) private for profit structures may have different names ; (β) Opening Hours vary very much because they are decided at the local level (CCAA)

(γ) CCAA = Comunidades autónomas decide at the local level who can access the service in priority

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