### GERMANY: Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age obligation

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**Name of Provision**: Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

**Type of Arrangement**: Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

**Ages Served**: <3 years = 0 to 35 months, (2)3-<6 years = (24)36 to 71 months

**Sector of Provision**: 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** = Regular (average) opening hours of the arrangement during the year:

- a) **within a day** = number of hours (b) covered during the day;
- b) **within a week** = number of days (d) covered during the week;
- c) **within a year** = number of months (m) covered during the year

**Registration Criteria**: Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement:

- PRIOR = see "priority criteria"
- UNIV = there are no criteria restricting the admission

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

- WRK = working parent(s);
- STU = parent(s) in training;
- SP = special needs of the child or family;
- NO = no priority criteria of access to registration

**Additional Notes**: (α) Due to a shortage of places for the <3 years old, priority criteria are usually applied;
- (β) Entitlement to 4 hours per day;
- (γ) If parents want to use kindergarten for more than 4 hours per day, the same priority criteria as for day nurseries apply

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