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

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**Name of Provision[^1]**: Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country.

**Type of Arrangement[^2]**: Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services.

**Ages Served[^3]**: <3 years = 0 to 35 months old; 3–<6 years = 36 to 71 months old.

**Sector of Provision[^4]**: 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[^3]** = Regular (average) opening hours of the arrangement during the year:

- **within a day** = number of hours (h) covered during the day;
- **within a week** = number of days (d) covered during the week;
- **within a year** = number of weeks (w) covered during the year.

**Registration Criteria[^6]** = 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[^7]** = 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[^8]**: (A) private for profit structures may have different names; (B) Opening Hours vary very much because they are decided at the local level (CCAA).

**CCAA = Communidades autónomas decide at the local level who can access the service in priority**

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