

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

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		
förskola	preschool	1-<6years	PB, 1/2PR, PR	12h ^a	5d ^a	all year : 52w ^a	PRIOR ^γ	WRK,STU,SP, parents on parental leave or unemployed
förskola	(universal) preschool	(3)4-<6years	PB, 1/2PR, PR	3h ^β	5d ^β	>=525 h	UNIV	all other cases not considered above
familjedaghem	family daycare	1-<6 years	PB, 1/2PR, PR	12h ^a	5d ^a	all year : 52w ^a	PRIOR ^γ	WRK,STU,SP, parents on parental leave or unemployed
förskoleklass	preschool class	6 years	PB, 1/2PR, PR	<3h ^β	5d ^β	>=525 h	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 : 1-<6years = 12 to 71 months ; 3(4)-<6years = children turning 4 years old during the 'academic year' to 71 months old ;

6years = children turning six years old during the 'academic' year

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 admission ; **PRIOR** : see "priority criteria"

Priority Criteria⁷ = 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** = children/families who need special support ; **NO** = no priority criteria of access to registration ;

Additional Notes : (α) Timetables adjusted to meet the needs of working parents ; **(β)** Entitlement to at least 525 hours during the year ;

(γ) Children with parents on parental leave or unemployed have a right to at least 15 hours of care per week

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