

Parent Fee Reduction Grant Information Sheet

Child Care Centres and Homes - April 2026

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan signed a new extension agreement that will enable Saskatchewan to maintain \$10 a day child care and continue to support the overall early learning and child care system.

To manage within the federal investment provided under the new agreement, the Ministry of Education is shifting from rapid expansion toward stabilization and sustainability. Effective July 1, 2026, the ministry is implementing actions designed to stabilize, protect and sustain the regulated child care system.

Effective July 1, 2026

- Facilities will be eligible to receive a maximum monthly Parent Fee Reduction Grant based on enrolment and aligned with the number and types of licensed spaces (infant, toddler and preschool) in a facility.
- This grant will be issued for each child enrolled up to the total number of licensed spaces.
- Facilities can serve additional families within their regulated capacity by sharing spaces among children who attend at different times and collecting parent fees of \$10 a day as an additional revenue source; however, government grants will not be provided for enrolment that exceeds the total number of licensed spaces. Providers must always comply with legislation regarding the number and types of licensed spaces at any given time.

Why is the Ministry of Education implementing a maximum monthly Parent Fee Reduction Grant up to the number of licensed spaces?

- The Parent Fee Reduction Grant has been based on the total number of children enrolled in the facility, which may exceed the total number of licensed spaces. Some facilities enroll more children than licensed spaces and collect Parent Fee Grants for each child (i.e., two children enrolled 10 days per month in the same space, who attend on different days).
- Facilities are not eligible to receive the Parent Fee Reduction Grant for a child who is enrolled in more than one licensed facility at the same time.
- Basing the Parent Fee Reduction Grant on enrolment and aligning with the number and types of licensed spaces (infant, toddler, and preschool) in a facility will provide more equitable funding among facilities.
- Facilities can serve additional families by sharing spaces without impacting facility costs, as children do not attend simultaneously. Child care facilities will continue to receive their child care fees from two sources: the parent portion (\$10 a day or \$217.50 per month) child care fee; and the monthly Parent Fee Reduction Grant from the Ministry of Education up to the number of licensed spaces.
- Child care in Saskatchewan has seen rapid growth in recent years. Keeping the system stable over the long term is our goal. Future funding will focus on core operating costs, with an expectation that child care facilities and the ministry will use funding efficiently.

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