

Standard Hours of Care and Extended Hours Fees

Child Care Centres - April 2026

Standard Hours of Care

Saskatchewan is committed to making life more affordable for families and supporting child care facilities to deliver quality early learning and child care services.

Standard hours of care is the number of hours that are included in the core child care services under the \$10 a day child care program. The standard hours of care for a regulated child care centre is up to 10 hours daily. Families' child care needs vary and may be greater or less than 10 hours a day.

Effective July 1, 2026

Establishing the standard 10-hour day clarifies what is included in core child care services and gives child care centres the flexibility to charge for care provided beyond 10 hours in a day, starting July 1, 2026. Centres may choose to charge parents an extended hours fee, but they are not required to do so.

Maximum limits are in place for extended hours fees charged by centres for care over 10 hours per day, including monthly caps. These limits will be reviewed by the Ministry of Education on a regular basis.

Extended hours fees apply only to programs that operate beyond a standard 10 hours and must be outlined in the Agreement for Child Care Services. Late-pick up fees are different than extended hours fees and are considered separately.

Extended Hours Fees – Maximum Limits

The maximum amounts a centre can charge for care over 10 hours per day are shown in the table below. Centres can choose to charge *less* than these amounts, but not more.

Maximum Hourly Fee for Centres		
Centres in Regina, Saskatoon, or within approximately 25 kilometers from the downtown core of these two locations (e.g. Pilot Butte, White City/Emerald Park, Balgonie, Lumsden, Grand Coulee, Pense, Martensville, Warman, Dalmeny, Osler, Clavet), or the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District (e.g. La Ronge, Beauval, Cumberland House, Creighton).		
Space Type	Hourly Extended Fee Maximum	Total Extended Hourly Fee Maximum per Month
Infant	\$5.48 per hour	To a maximum of \$223.60 per month
Toddler	\$4.34 per hour	To a maximum of \$177.00 per month
Preschool	\$4.06 per hour	To a maximum of \$165.60 per month
Centres in Other Locations		
Space Type	Hourly Extended Fee Maximum	Total Extended Hourly Fee Maximum per Month
Infant	\$4.08 per hour	To a maximum of \$166.40 per month
Toddler	\$3.62 per hour	To a maximum of \$147.63 per month
Preschool	\$3.29 per hour	To a maximum of \$134.45 per month

The hourly extended hours fee maximums are set at seven per cent of the daily fee schedule limits for new centres. The total amount of hourly extended fees per month is capped at 20 per cent of the full-time fee limit for new centres.

Considerations for Centres Charging Extended Hours Fees

If your child care centre chooses to establish an extended hour fee for care provided over the standard hours of care (10 hours), you must:

- Inform parents about extended hours fees for care provided beyond 10 hours a day. Ensure these charges fall within the hourly and monthly maximum amounts.
- Update operational policies and procedures for extended fees in your Parent Handbook and provide these updates to parents.
- Ensure that extended hours fees are consistently applied across different space types to ensure the same fee for the same service requirement is met.
- Work with parents to adjust their Agreement for Child Care Services by:
 - updating the Agreement for Child Care Services for impacted parents
 - providing 60 days' notice before extended fees are charged

- Inform the Ministry of Education of your updated hourly fee schedule by emailing childcare@gov.sk.ca, include:
 - Facility name and entity number; and,
 - Extended hourly fee rate for infant, toddler, and preschool spaces (including children turning six attending Kindergarten).

If your child care centre chooses not to implement an extended hours of care fee, no action is required.

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