

Standard Hours of Care and Extended Hours Fees

Child Care Homes - 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 home 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 home providers the flexibility to charge for care provided beyond 10 hours in a day, starting July 1, 2026. Homes 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 homes for care over 10 hours per day, including maximum caps. These limits will be reviewed by the ministry on a regular basis.

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

Extended Hours Fees – Maximum Limits

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

Maximum Hourly Fee for Homes		
Homes 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	\$4.72 per hour	To a maximum of \$192.70 per month
Toddler	\$4.41 per hour	To a maximum of \$180.00 per month
Preschool	\$4.07 per hour	To a maximum of \$166.25 per month

Homes in Other Locations		
Space Type	Hourly Extended Fee Maximum	Total Extended Hourly Fee Maximum per Month
Infant	\$4.63 per hour	To a maximum of \$189.00 per month
Toddler	\$4.17 per hour	To a maximum of \$170.00 per month
Preschool	\$3.92 per hour	To a maximum of \$160.00 per month

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

Considerations for Homes Charging Extended Hours Fees

If a child care home provider chooses to charge an extended hours fees for care provided over a standard day of care (10 hours), they 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 the Parent Handbook and provide these updates to parents.
- Ensure 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 at least 60 days’ notice before extended fees are charged
- Inform the Ministry of Education of the updated fee schedule by emailing childcare@gov.sk.ca, include:
 - Facility name and entity number

- Extended hourly fee rate for infant, toddler, and preschool spaces (including children turning six attending Kindergarten)

If a regulated home child care provider chooses not to implement an extended hours fee, no action is required.

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