

Is my child eligible for a free CETS place?

Parents who are doing certain FÁS or VEC courses can get free childcare under this scheme. Talk to your FÁS or VEC co-ordinator to find out if you can get a free CETS childcare place.

How do I access a place?

- Your FAS or VEC course co-ordinator will give you a list of participating childcare services in your area and a letter to present to the service of your choice
 - Contact the childcare facility most convenient for you from the list to see if they have a place available
 - Arrange to visit the service
 - Accept the place
- You may contact the South Tipperary County Childcare Committee for assistance at any stage on 052 6182274.**

What type of service am I entitled to?

Depending on the course you are doing you may be able to access one of the following:

- A Full Day Place (Up to 10 hours per day)
- A Half Day Place (Up to 5½ hours per day)
- An Afterschool Place (at least 3 hours per day)

You should ensure that the facility you choose can provide a service for the number of weeks your training is running.

Can I use a childminder instead?

No. Childminders are not included in the CETS scheme.

How much will it cost?

- Your childcare provider will be paid directly by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. You should not be charged for the place
- You may only be charged for additional hours provided and agreed by you
- You should not be asked to pay extra for food

What about school collection services?

The childcare facility does not have to provide a collection service. However, if your child is picked up from or dropped to school by your childcare facility, the facility will be paid extra by the Department.

How do I choose a childcare service for my child?

A quality service will:

- Welcome a visit from a new parent
- Provide positive experiences for children by supporting them in their own interests and desire for independence
- Have qualified staff who have been vetted by the Gardaí working with the children
- Be notified to the Pre School Inspection Team in the HSE
- Help you to understand how your child learns and how you can support your child's learning and development
- Use play as a key way in which to help your child learn and develop

What other childcare schemes are available?

- ECCE - Free Pre-school Year
- CCS - Community Childcare Subvention - subsidised childcare places for parents on Social Welfare payments or equivalent benefits



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