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## 1. Introduction

Through the [Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative](#) (CCFRI), the governments of British Columbia and Canada are making licensed child care more affordable for families throughout the province.

**To be eligible**, a facility needs to receive Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) and offer child care in a CCFRI-eligible care category.

**To be approved**, a facility's parent fees and closure schedule must align with the policies in these guidelines. As the purpose of the CCFRI is to make child care more affordable, these policies are intended to ensure that parents see the greatest possible benefit of reduced monthly fees. The ministry may revise these policies from time to time.

Child care providers apply for the CCFRI each year. Approved providers need to tell families they are participating in the CCFRI, the amount of fee reduction for their child and any fee increase in the manner and frequency determined by the ministry. Parents can also contact the ministry for information.

For information about the CCFRI, please call the CCOF program Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-888-338-6622 (option 2) or visit the program [web page](#).

## 2. What's New for 2023-24?

- **As of April 1, 2023**, the ministry has adjusted the Affordability Benchmarks for New, New-to-CCFRI, and Modified Facilities (see Section 6).
- **Starting September 1, 2023**, Preschool and children in Grade 1 and up will become eligible for the CCFRI. For these categories, the ministry will assess any fee increases implemented from January 2023 onwards. To support facilities to enrol in the CCFRI, fees for these newly eligible care categories may be exempt from the Affordability Benchmarks. See Section 6 for details.

Note: CCFRI participation is required to access other ChildCareBC funding, including the [Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement](#) (ECE-WE). This requirement will apply to Preschool and school age care as of September 1, 2023. Eligible facilities that are not participating in the CCFRI as of September 1, 2023, will no longer be eligible to receive the ECE-WE.

## 3. Parent Fee Reduction Amounts

Providers in the CCFRI receive funding to reduce monthly parent fees by up to the following amounts (pro-rated amounts apply for part-time care):

**Table 1. Maximum Monthly Parent Fee Reduction Amounts**

CCFRI-Eligible Care Category	Group Child Care	Family/In-Home Child Care
Infant (0-18 months)	\$900	\$600
Toddler (18-36 months)	\$900	\$600
3 Years to Kindergarten	\$545	\$500
Kindergarten	\$320	\$320
<b>Starting September 1, 2023</b>		
Grade 1 to Age 12 <sup>1</sup>	\$115	\$145
Preschool	\$95	N/A

Full-time fees will not be reduced below \$10/day (up to \$200/month, pro-rated for part-time care), with limited exceptions at the ministry's discretion.

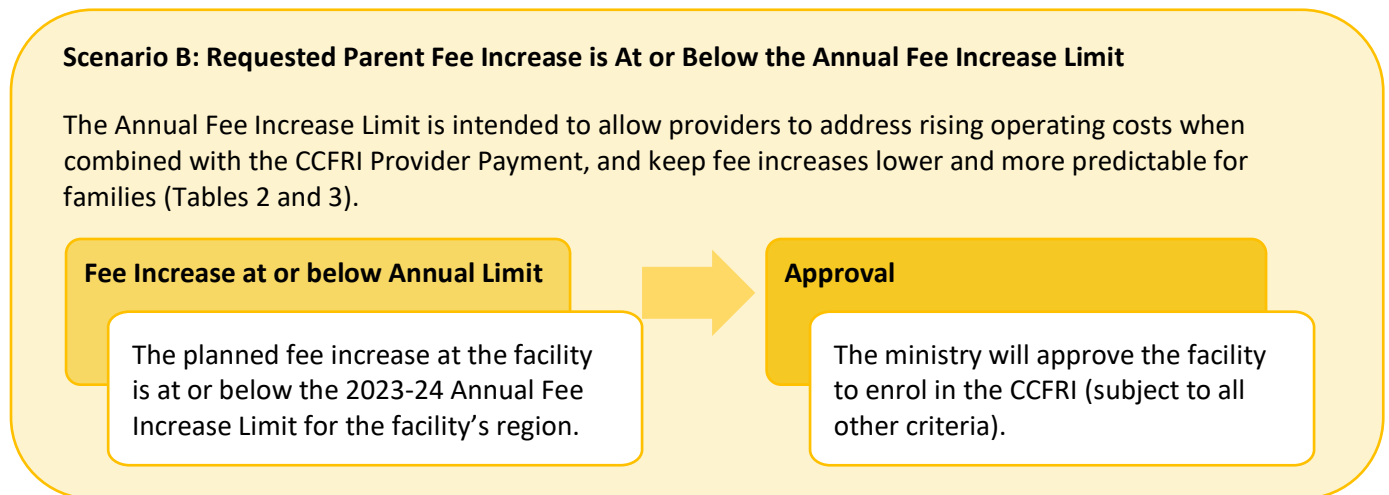
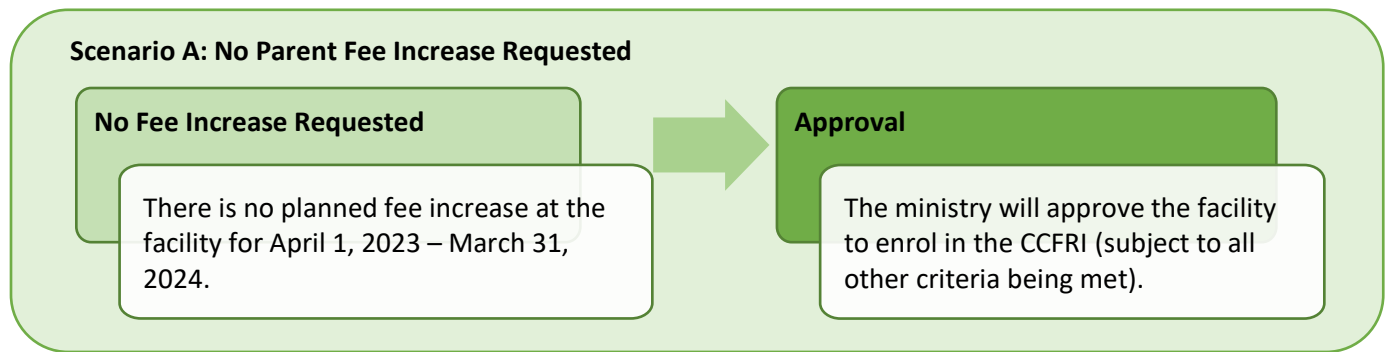
<sup>1</sup> Children over age 12 who are enrolled at a participating child care facility (e.g., with an exemption granted by a Licensing Officer) are also eligible and included in the "Grade 1 to Age 12" category.

## 4. Parent Fee Assessment: Established Facilities

Established Facilities include any facility approved for the CCFRI for 2022-23. Facilities temporarily approved for part of the 2022-23 term or whose 2022-23 CCOF Funding Agreement was terminated (except due to extended closure) will not be considered Established Facilities.

The ministry will assess the planned parent fees for April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, based on which scenario, A through C below, best applies.

**Note:** Any increase to existing (or introduction of new) administrative fees will be considered a parent fee increase subject to ministry review under these guidelines. The introduction of added fees for hours or services previously included in the parent fee will also be considered a parent fee increase.



For 2023-24, the Fee Increase Limit is based on 3% of the regional median fee.<sup>2</sup> Limits on fee increases are updated annually based on information collected from providers (see Appendix B for regional median fees). A [map of the regions](#) can be found online.

**Table 2. Annual Fee Increase Limits for Group Child Care (Per Month)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years to Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12	Preschool
11 Kootenays	\$36	\$30	\$25	\$14	\$14	\$11
12 Okanagan	\$38	\$36	\$28	\$14	\$13	\$11
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$36	\$32	\$25	\$14	\$14	\$11
21 East Fraser	\$35	\$33	\$26	\$15	\$15	\$10
22 North Fraser	\$42	\$41	\$30	\$16	\$15	\$15
23 South Fraser	\$42	\$38	\$29	\$16	\$16	\$15
24 Vancouver/Richmond	\$49	\$44	\$34	\$14	\$14	\$16
25 Coast/North Shore	\$48	\$46	\$36	\$20	\$19	\$16
31 South Vancouver Island	\$43	\$38	\$30	\$14	\$13	\$16
32 North Vancouver Island	\$36	\$30	\$26	\$14	\$14	\$14
41/42/43 Northern	\$36	\$30	\$26	\$15	\$15	\$10

**Table 3. Annual Fee Increase Limits for Family Child Care (Per Month)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years to Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12
11 Kootenays	\$28	\$29	\$27	\$14	\$14
12 Okanagan	\$29	\$29	\$26	\$14	\$14
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$27	\$26	\$24	\$14	\$14
21 East Fraser	\$27	\$27	\$25	\$16	\$16
22 North Fraser	\$33	\$32	\$27	\$17	\$17
23 South Fraser	\$30	\$29	\$26	\$15	\$15
24 Vancouver/Richmond	\$42	\$42	\$38	\$21	\$20
25 Coast/North Shore	\$40	\$41	\$37	\$21	\$20
31 South Vancouver Island	\$30	\$30	\$27	\$15	\$14
32 North Vancouver Island	\$27	\$27	\$26	\$15	\$14
41/42/43 Northern	\$27	\$26	\$25	\$14	\$14

<sup>2</sup> The regions used are the Ministry of Children and Family Development Service Delivery Areas. It is expected the regions used in the coming years will align with Ministry of Education and Child Care regions. This change will be communicated when it takes effect.

### Scenario C: Exceptional Parent Fee Increase Requested

An Exceptional Parent Fee Increase is one that is more than the Annual Fee Increase Limit.

#### Exceptional Fee Increase Requested

The planned fee increase at the facility is more than the Annual Fee Increase Limit for 2023-24 (Tables 2 and 3).

#### Assessment

The ministry will request more information and/or documentation and assess under the Parent Fee Increase Exceptions Policy (Table 4).

#### Result

**Result A:** The facility will be approved for the CCFRI (subject to all other criteria).

**Result B:** The ministry will approve the facility to enroll in the CCFRI with an alternate fee schedule (subject to all other criteria being met). The provider may:

- **Accept:** The facility will be approved for the CCFRI (subject to all other criteria).
- **Decline:** The facility will not be approved for the CCFRI.
- **Submit more information:** The facility's circumstances will be re-assessed. This will require additional processing time and may cause payment interruption. If you wish to avoid payment interruption, you may postpone your requested fee increase.

## 5. Parent Fee Increase Exceptions Policy

To be approved for an exceptional parent fee increase<sup>3</sup>:

- At least one exception must apply (Table 4);
- The provider must present evidence of the relevant expenses;
- The provider has exhausted all other ChildCareBC funding available for the expense;
- The fee increase is proportional to the related expense, amortized over at least 12 months; and
- The fee increase is within the Maximum Exceptional Fee Increase Amount<sup>4</sup> (Tables 5 and 6).

The ministry will not consider parent fee increases requested for:

- Rent/lease increases accounted for by an established pattern of routine fee increases;
- Expenses occurring from an individual not at arm's length (e.g., a family member raises the rent beyond a reasonable amount);
- Expenses occurring due to an expansion in the number/type of licensed spaces;
- Program materials such as consumable art/office supplies, toys/indoor play equipment, and books; and/or
- Facility costs such as small appliances/housewares, office equipment, textiles, security systems, gardening supplies, and electronics.

#### **Table 4. Parent Fee Increase Exceptions**

<sup>3</sup> The Ministry will assess the reason(s) for any parent fee increase request on a case-by-case basis. The ministry has sole discretion to determine whether a parent fee increase will be approved and in what amount.

## 1. Exceptional Circumstances

This exception applies to sudden and unexpected expenses that:

- 1) Are outside of the organization's control and/or outside of the scope of regular cost increases;
- 2) Address an immediate health or safety concern or are needed for the facility to operate; and
- 3) Occur within six months of the requested fee increase.

### Eligible Expenses:

- Items named on the [eligible expenses list for BC Maintenance Funding](#) (if any portion is not funded)
- Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washing machine and dryer
- Replacement of damaged outdoor play equipment
- Free-standing or window-mounted air conditioners
- Vehicles used for routinely transporting children
- Increases to ongoing expenses (e.g., rent, lease/mortgage, utilities) imposed by an arm's length 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Expenses related to staying open/re-opening after an unusual incident (e.g., exposure to serious infectious illness requiring enhanced cleaning protocols, floods, fires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters).

Additionally, if a facility's fees were previously limited due to being considered New, New-to-CCFRI or Modified, and the provider cannot cover necessary ongoing expenses, a fee increase may be approved up to the current Affordability Benchmark or the Maximum Exceptional Fee Increase Amount, whichever is less.

## 2. Direct Care Staff Wage Increases

This exception applies to wage increases for Direct Care Staff who spend at least 50% of their working time providing Direct Care, if the wage increase is needed because:

- A) The wage increase is part of a collective bargaining agreement for Direct Care Staff at the facility; or
- B) The facility has lost and/or been unable to hire Direct Care Staff, creating challenges in maintaining staff-to-child ratios required under the facility licence. In this scenario, the ministry will consider the facility's current wages, the amount of the wage increase, and how the facility's fees compare to the region.

The ministry will assess the strength of the business case, based on the documents provided (e.g., expiring non-renewable staffing exemptions, unfilled spaces or unplanned closures due to insufficient staffing levels, multiple unfilled staff position postings). If the wage increase is for ECEs eligible for [ECE-WE](#), the provider must also apply for the ECE-WE to be considered under this exception. The ministry may also consider expenses resulting from the wage increase (e.g., statutory benefits).

## 3. Priority Service Expansion

This exception includes expenses related to the following service expansions:

- A) Expanding or extending the hours of child care service available for all enrolled children; or
- B) Increasing connection to Indigenous community, culture, or language for all enrolled children in a facility owned, managed, or governed by at least 51% Indigenous Peoples (e.g., a Band, a Friendship Centre, a Métis organization). Related expenses may include:
  - Participation of an Elder, culture/language teacher, and/or family members in the child care program;
  - Children's participation in community, language, and/or cultural events or activities;
  - Language or culture resources for use in the child care program.

## 4. Affordable Child Care for Underserved Populations

Fee increases may be considered under this exception if:

- The facility has historically provided care to underserved populations—including Indigenous or low-income families—at significantly below the regional median range of fees for their area or at no fee;
- The fee increase will contribute to the operational sustainability of the organization; and
- The fee increase will not greatly increase the out-of-pocket cost of care for families.



For 2023-24, the Maximum Exceptional Fee Increase amounts are based on 10% of the regional median fee.<sup>5</sup> Limits on fee increases are updated annually based on information collected from providers (see Appendix B for regional median fees). A map of the regions can be found [online](#).

**Table 5. Maximum Exceptional Fee Increase amounts for Group Child Care (Per Month)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years to Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12	Preschool
11 Kootenays	\$120	\$101	\$84	\$48	\$45	\$36
12 Okanagan	\$126	\$119	\$93	\$46	\$43	\$36
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$120	\$108	\$84	\$48	\$48	\$36
21 East Fraser	\$115	\$110	\$88	\$52	\$52	\$34
22 North Fraser	\$140	\$135	\$99	\$53	\$51	\$49
23 South Fraser	\$139	\$128	\$95	\$54	\$53	\$50
24 Vancouver/Richmond	\$163	\$145	\$114	\$45	\$46	\$52
25 Coast/North Shore	\$160	\$154	\$120	\$66	\$65	\$53
31 South Vancouver Island	\$143	\$126	\$100	\$45	\$44	\$52
32 North Vancouver Island	\$120	\$101	\$88	\$45	\$45	\$48
41/42/43 Northern	\$120	\$100	\$85	\$50	\$49	\$33

**Table 6. Maximum Exceptional Fee Increase amounts for Family Child Care (Per Month)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years to Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12
11 Kootenays	\$94	\$98	\$90	\$48	\$48
12 Okanagan	\$95	\$96	\$87	\$48	\$48
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$90	\$88	\$80	\$48	\$48
21 East Fraser	\$90	\$90	\$84	\$53	\$53
22 North Fraser	\$110	\$106	\$90	\$55	\$55
23 South Fraser	\$100	\$98	\$88	\$51	\$50
24 Vancouver/Richmond	\$140	\$140	\$125	\$70	\$68
25 Coast/North Shore	\$135	\$135	\$122	\$70	\$68
31 South Vancouver Island	\$100	\$100	\$91	\$50	\$45
32 North Vancouver Island	\$90	\$90	\$88	\$50	\$45
41/42/43 Northern	\$90	\$88	\$85	\$45	\$45

<sup>5</sup> The regions used are the Ministry of Children and Family Development Service Delivery Areas. It is expected the regions used in the coming years will align with Ministry of Education and Child Care regions. This change will be communicated when it takes effect.



## 6. Parent Fee Assessment: New, New-to-CCFRI and Modified Facilities

*Facilities offering care for children aged Kindergarten and younger (excluding Preschool)*

The ministry will assess the facility's parent fees for Infant, Toddler, 3 Years to Kindergarten and Kindergarten care based on which scenario, D through F below, best applies.

### **Scenario D: New Facility**

To be approved for the CCFRI, a facility with a licence start date on or after April 1, 2023, must set their parent fees at or below their regional 2023-24 Affordability Benchmark (Tables 7 and 8).

### **Scenario E: New-to-CCFRI Facility**

To be approved for the CCFRI, a facility with a licence start date before April 1, 2023, that has not participated in the CCFRI for either 2022-23 or 2023-24, must:

- Be approved by the ministry for any fee increases implemented between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2024; and
- Set parent fees at or below the Affordability Benchmark from the time CCFRI participation begins to March 31, 2024.

### **Scenario F: Modified Facility**

A Modified Facility is one that:

- Was continuously enrolled in the CCFRI from 2022-23;
- Changed location, licensee, or eligibility for Group or Family rates in 2023-24; and
- Increased fees at the time of that change by more than the Fee Increase Limit (or approvable exceptional fee increase amount).

Modified facilities must set parent fees for 2023-24 at or below the regional Affordability Benchmark (Tables 7 and 8).

Facilities are exempt from this policy if, at the time of the location, licensee, or eligibility change:

- a) There is no increase in fees; or
- b) Fees increase by no more than the Fee Increase Limit (or approvable exceptional amount).

A New, New-to-CCFRI or Modified facility's fees for children aged Kindergarten and younger (excluding half-day licensed Preschool programs) may be exempt from the Affordability Benchmark if<sup>6</sup>:

- The provider applied for provincial funding to create the new licensed spaces before April 1, 2021, and was approved for that funding.
- An Established Facility adds a new CCFRI-eligible care category at the same physical address.
- The fees are for Young Parent Program (YPP) spaces.

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<sup>6</sup> The ministry may consider other exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis, at its sole discretion (e.g., where needed to support inclusivity, cultural safety, or wraparound services at facilities primarily serving families experiencing vulnerability or other underserved populations, including low-income or Indigenous families).

*Facilities offering Preschool and care for children in Grade 1 to Age 12*

To support facilities offering Preschool and care for children in Grade 1 to Age 12 to enrol in the CCFRI, fees for these newly eligible care categories will be exempt from the Affordability Benchmark in the following scenarios:

Facility Licence Start Date	Care Categories Offered	Fees for <u>Preschool and Grade 1 to Age 12</u> are Exempt from the Affordability Benchmark if:
Before Sept. 1, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool and/or Grade 1 to Age 12, <b>and</b></li> <li>• Another CCFRI-eligible care category</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The facility is enrolled in the CCFRI before Sep 1, 2023.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool and/or Grade 1 to Age 12 <b>only</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The facility is enrolled in the CCFRI by Mar 31, 2024.</li> </ul>
Between Sept. 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool and/or Grade 1 to Age 12 (only, or in addition to another CCFRI-eligible care categories)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The facility is enrolled in the CCFRI upon opening;</li> <li>• The provider took significant steps to create the new facility (e.g., signing a lease) before January 25, 2023; <b>and</b></li> <li>• Proposed fees are only slightly higher than the Affordability Benchmark.</li> </ul>

*The Affordability Benchmark*

For 2023-24, the Affordability Benchmark is set at the regional 80th percentile for Infant and Toddler care, and at the 75th percentile for all other CCFRI-Eligible Care Categories<sup>7</sup>. Affordability Benchmarks reflect fees charged at the majority of facilities in each region<sup>8</sup> (e.g., the 80th percentile means 80% of facilities in the region charge this amount, or lower, and 20% of facilities charge a higher amount).

These benchmarks are updated annually based on information collected from providers. A map of the regions can be found [online](#).

**Note:** For New, New-to-CCFRI and Modified Facilities, if an ongoing Administrative Fee will be charged, it will be considered part of the parent fee, which must be declared in the CCFRI application and may not exceed the regional Affordability Benchmark. This requirement does not apply to:

- Administrative Fees charged on an occasional basis (e.g., annual, one-time);
- Organizationally aligned Administrative Fees at a New Facility added to an existing organization.
- Modified Facilities charging the same Administrative Fee as immediately before their change of location, licensee, or CCOF eligibility.

<sup>7</sup> Affordability Benchmarks for 2023-24 have been raised from the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile in response to stakeholder feedback and based on the ministry’s continued monitoring of the policy’s impacts. Where dollar values would have decreased for 2023-24, the 2022-23 benchmark amounts have been used.

<sup>8</sup> The regions used are the Ministry of Children and Family Development Service Delivery Areas. It is expected the regions used in the coming years will align with Ministry of Education and Child Care regions. This change will be communicated when it takes effect.

**Table 7. Affordability Benchmark for Group Child Care (Per Month, before CCFRI)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years to Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12	Preschool
11 Kootenays	\$1,366	\$1,146	\$992	\$529	\$530	\$425
12 Okanagan	\$1,389	\$1,352	\$1,000	\$538	\$540	\$425
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$1,355	\$1,206	\$897	\$525	\$525	\$425
21 East Fraser	\$1,300	\$1,273	\$911	\$531	\$546	\$475
22 North Fraser	\$1,550	\$1,495	\$1,100	\$578	\$575	\$575
23 South Fraser	\$1,600	\$1,470	\$1,106	\$600	\$591	\$583
24 Vancouver/Richmond	\$1,968	\$1,800	\$1,398	\$505	\$545	\$600
25 Coast/North Shore	\$1,956	\$1,850	\$1,415	\$783	\$705	\$639
31 South Vancouver Island	\$1,552	\$1,493	\$1,073	\$488	\$468	\$703
32 North Vancouver Island	\$1,602	\$1,375	\$965	\$511	\$511	\$550
41/42/43 Northern	\$1,300	\$1,270	\$988	\$522	\$520	\$350

**Table 8. Affordability Benchmark for Family Child Care (Per Month, before CCFRI)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years to Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12
11 Kootenays	\$1,065	\$1,120	\$1,101	\$575	\$560
12 Okanagan	\$1,097	\$1,098	\$945	\$600	\$560
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$1,000	\$949	\$900	\$575	\$560
21 East Fraser	\$1,085	\$1,080	\$905	\$700	\$600
22 North Fraser	\$1,266	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$600	\$600
23 South Fraser	\$1,150	\$1,100	\$950	\$600	\$600
24 Vancouver/Richmond	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,400	\$820	\$750
25 Coast/North Shore	\$1,466	\$1,450	\$1,350	\$760	\$750
31 South Vancouver Island	\$1,191	\$1,121	\$1,000	\$588	\$500
32 North Vancouver Island	\$1,092	\$1,050	\$945	\$600	\$500
41/42/43 Northern	\$975	\$950	\$900	\$580	\$544

## 7. Maximum Closure Period

To be approved for the CCFRI, facilities must not charge full monthly parent fees for children enrolled in CCFRI-Eligible Care Categories for closure periods above two consecutive weeks per month, up to a maximum of four weeks per Funding Agreement Term.

The ministry may approve additional closures that align with a history of past closures or are due to circumstances outside of the provider's control if the facility needs to collect parent fees during the closure period to maintain operational viability.

**Closure Periods:** Days when a facility is not open and providing licensed child care, not including provincial statutory holidays.

**Provincial Statutory Holidays:** New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, B.C. Day, Labour Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, and Christmas Day.

## 8. Mid-Term Fee Increase Requests

Requests to increase fees after a facility is approved for the CCFRI will be assessed under the policies outlined in Section 4. Requests by New, New-To-CCFRI and Modified Facilities will be assessed only under the Parent Fee Increase Exceptions Policy. The ministry will not consider whether the requested fee increase is within the Annual Fee Increase Limit for 2023-24.

## Appendix A: Glossary

**Administrative Fees:** Any mandatory fee over and above the Parent Fee that the Provider imposes or seeks to impose in respect to administrative costs associated with the enrolment of a child at the Facility including, without limitation, any fee for registration.

**CCFRI Provider Payment:** The portion of the CCFRI funding the ministry provides to the Provider each month, if enrolled in the CCFRI, to help offset any costs associated with participating in the CCFRI.

**Direct Care:** Being directly responsible for and engaged in the care and supervision of enrolled or drop-in space children at the Facility.

**Direct Care Staff:** Staff employed at the Facility on a full-time, part-time, or casual basis, providing Direct Care.

**Enrolled Children:** Children registered full-time or part-time in any given month, for child care services on specific days at the Facility within the maximum capacity permitted under the licence.

**Facility:** The location of child care services, operated by the Provider, for which a child care Facility licence has been issued under the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*, and that is identified in Schedule A of the Provider's Funding Agreement.

**Optional Fees:** Any fees that a Provider charges or seeks to charge a parent for optional services rendered, including any fee for meals and for pick-up and drop-off services. For clarity, if a Parent opts not to receive such optional services, no optional fee shall be charged to that Parent and the Parent's child will receive the usual continuous care at the Facility for which the Parent Fee applies. Optional Fees do not include any fees for hours of child care that could reasonably be expected to be included in the Parent Fee. The ministry has the sole discretion to determine whether a fee is an Optional Fee.

**Organization or Provider:** The funding recipient under an existing CCOF Funding Agreement.

**Parent:** A parent or a person standing in the place of a parent with respect to an Enrolled Child.

**Parent Fee(s):** The fee the Provider charges a Parent or other party for the Parent's child to occupy an enrolled space at the facility, exclusive of Optional Fees.

**Parent Fee Increase or Fee Increase:** In respect of the Parent Fee, any increase that applies either to existing or to newly Enrolled children, subject to the following additional stipulations in respect of this definition:

- i. a reduction of hours of operation or services previously included in the Parent Fee, and the imposition of added fees for these same hours or services, will be considered a Parent Fee Increase;
- ii. imposing a new Optional Fee for a service that was not previously included in the Parent Fee (including an extension of your hours of operation), will not be considered a Parent Fee Increase; and
- iii. imposing a new Administrative Fee or increasing an Administrative Fee for some or all children enrolled in a CCFRI-Eligible Care Category, will be considered a Parent Fee Increase

## Appendix B: Median Parent Fees

A map of the regions<sup>9</sup> can be found [online](#).

**Table 9. Median Parent Fees for Group Child Care Providers (Monthly)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years - Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12	Preschool
11 Kootenays	\$1,200	\$1,013	\$840	\$475	\$450	\$360
12 Okanagan	\$1,260	\$1,190	\$933	\$460	\$425	\$360
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$1,200	\$1,081	\$840	\$483	\$475	\$360
21 East Fraser	\$1,150	\$1,100	\$875	\$515	\$515	\$340
22 North Fraser	\$1,400	\$1,350	\$990	\$525	\$510	\$489
23 South Fraser	\$1,390	\$1,275	\$950	\$535	\$525	\$500
24 Vancouver/ Richmond	\$1,625	\$1,450	\$1,135	\$450	\$460	\$520
25 Coast/North Shore	\$1,600	\$1,540	\$1,200	\$655	\$645	\$526
31 South Vancouver Island	\$1,428	\$1,260	\$995	\$450	\$440	\$520
32 North Vancouver Island	\$1,200	\$1,009	\$880	\$450	\$450	\$475
41/42/43 Northern	\$1,195	\$1,000	\$850	\$500	\$490	\$330

**Table 10. Median Parent Fees for Family Child Care Providers (Monthly)**

Region	0-18 Months	18-36 Months	3 Years - Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1 to Age 12
11 Kootenays	\$940	\$980	\$900	\$480	\$480
12 Okanagan	\$950	\$960	\$872	\$480	\$480
13 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	\$900	\$880	\$800	\$480	\$480
21 East Fraser	\$900	\$900	\$838	\$530	\$525
22 North Fraser	\$1,100	\$1,055	\$900	\$550	\$550
23 South Fraser	\$1,000	\$980	\$875	\$506	\$500
24 Vancouver/ Richmond	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,250	\$700	\$675
25 Coast/North Shore	\$1,345	\$1,350	\$1,219	\$700	\$675
31 South Vancouver Island	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$910	\$500	\$450
32 North Vancouver Island	\$900	\$900	\$881	\$500	\$450
41/42/43 Northern	\$900	\$880	\$845	\$450	\$450

<sup>9</sup>The regions used are the Ministry of Children and Family Development Service Delivery Areas. It is expected the regions used in the coming years will align with Ministry of Education and Child Care regions. This change will be communicated when it takes effect.