

# Operating Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions



## What is the Operating Grant Program (OGP)?

The Operating Grant Program (OGP) is a key component of the Provincial Government's 10-year child care strategy, Caring For Our Future. The implementation of this program will help improve the affordability of child care services for families with young children throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

## Who is eligible to apply?

All licensed child care centres are eligible to apply under the Operating Grant Program. Family Child Care Homes are not included under the OGP.

## How much are child care centres eligible to receive?

Centres are eligible to receive up to \$14/day for each infant space, \$8/day for each toddler and preschool space and \$3/day for each after school program space.

## What are the conditions of funding?

Centres accepting the grant will be required to set their fees at current Child Care Services Subsidy rates:

Infants (birth to under 24 months) .....	\$44/day
Toddlers (24 to under 36 months) .....	\$33/day
3 to 12 years in full day care .....	\$30/day
Afterschool programs (up to 12 years of age) .....	\$14/day

Centres will also be required to submit quarterly enrollment statistics to obtain payment; pay the centre's operator a minimum of \$14 per hour and Early Childhood Educators a minimum of \$12 per hour, not including the Early Learning and Child Care Supplement; and, provide meals and snacks to all children enrolled.

## When can interested centres apply?

The program is welcoming applications now. Applications are available online at [www.gov.nl.ca/edu](http://www.gov.nl.ca/edu) or from the nearest regional office of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

All inquiries may be directed to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

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