

Extension of \$10-a-Day Child Care for School-Age Children on Non-school Days



Beginning December 8, 2024, the Manitoba government is extending \$10-a-day parent fees to include school-age children on non-school days.*

This means parents of school-age children who are enrolled in licensed child care facilities that receive operating grants will see a reduction in parent fees on in-service days and winter, spring and summer school breaks throughout the year.

**Pending the passing of Budget 2024*

1. Why are school-age child care fees being reduced on non-school days?

The Manitoba government is committed to helping make life more affordable for families, including families with school-age children.

Extending \$10-a-day parent fees for school-age children on in-service days and school breaks makes child care more affordable and accessible for Manitoba parents and caregivers.

2. Are all licensed child care facilities required to charge the reduced parent fees on non-school days?

Licensed, non-profit centres and child care homes that receive provincial operating grant funding (funded facilities) are required to comply with the regulated maximum daily fees.

Licensed centres and child care homes that do not receive provincial operating grant funding (unfunded facilities) are not required to follow the regulated maximum daily fees for non-subsidized families; however, they cannot charge subsidized families more than the maximum daily fees.

3. How do I know if the reduced parent fees apply to my child care facility?

Over 1,000 licensed child care facilities across the province are required to comply with the regulated maximum daily fees of \$10-a-day. Learn more about what fees your child care facility is allowed to charge, at: www.gov.mb.ca/education/childcare/families/childcare_fees.html.

For a listing of licensed child care facilities, visit Manitoba Child Care Search at www.manitoba.ca/childcaresearch. You can click on a facility for more detailed program information, including whether a facility is funded or unfunded.

4. Do families need to apply to be eligible for the reduced parent fees for school-age children on non-school days?

There is no application process for families.

Effective December 8, 2024, families with school-age children enrolled at funded, licensed child care facilities will be eligible for the new reduced rates on non-school days. This is for all families, regardless of income.

5. Are all school-age fees on non-school days being reduced to \$10-per-day?

No. In some cases, the fees are lower or higher than \$10-a-day depending upon the type of care. For example, school-age care for less than four hours per day will be \$5 per day. In cases where extended child care over 10 hours is required by families, the fee will be \$15 per day.

6. Are school-age fees on regular school days changing on December 8, 2024?

No. There are no changes to parent fees for school-age children enrolled for three periods per day (before school, lunch and after school), these parent fees continue to be \$10 per day.

7. How will families know if their school-age fees are changing?

Child care facilities are encouraged to communicate with their families about changes to the new parent fees. Facilities will begin charging new reduced parent fees for school-age care on non-school days effective, December 8, 2024.

Facilities will continue to invoice families for the amount of fees that are due to the child care facility according to each facility's regular invoicing and payment schedule.

8. How will the new parent fees affect families who receive Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy Program will continue to provide financial support for eligible families to ensure that cost is not a barrier to quality early learning child care and programming.

Manitoba families receiving child care subsidy will be reassessed using the new rates for school-age children on non-school days before the implementation of the new rates on December 8, 2024. Some families may no longer require child care subsidy if under the new parent fee rates, they will be paying less than they were paying with previously subsidized fees.

No families receiving child care subsidy will have their child care costs increased as a result of this change.

9. Will families need to reapply for child care subsidy after December 8, 2024?

Current approved subsidy applications will be automatically reassessed using the new rates for school-age children on non-school days that come into effect on December 8, 2024.

Families are only required to reapply if their current subsidy approval period is about to end (for example, if their previous subsidy was approved until the end of the November 10 to December 7, 2024, reporting period).

10. How will families that receive support from the Child Care Subsidy Program know what their reassessed family contribution is after December 8, 2024?

Families receiving child care subsidy will be provided information about the status and/or amount of their re-assessed family contribution prior to December 8, 2024. As long as the family is still eligible for subsidy, their current subsidy approval period will not change.

Some families may no longer require child care subsidy if under the new parent fee rates, they will be paying less than they were paying with previously subsidized fees.

Learn more at www.manitoba.ca/10aday