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HELPPPP - HOW LONG IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THE ECCE PROGRAMME??

DCCC have been listening to your queries around eligibility for the ECCE programme. We have compiled three tables for children born in 2012, 2013 and 2014 to help explain the maximum entitlement of weeks for children born during these years and the earliest entry points. The three tables are aligned to the information provided by the DCYA (found at the end of the document), however go into more detail by breaking this down into monthly data.

The below tables are accurate as of today, with regards to special needs or exemptions, DCCC are awaiting clarification on these from the FAQ document which is being compiled by DCYA currently.

In the meantime, we hope this helps early childhood services to answer queries from parents and for parents themselves to find out their individual child's eligibility on the ECCE programme going forward.

Children Born in 2012

BIRTH	ECCE 2015	Entry Point	No. Of Weeks for 2015 - 2016 pre-school year	ECCE 2016	Entry Point	No. Of Weeks for 2016 - 2017 pre-school year	Total Eligible Weeks	School Start Year	School Start Age
Jan-12	YES	Sep-15	38	YES	Sep-16	38	76	Sep-17	5.8
Feb-12	YES	Sep-15	38	YES	Sep-16	38	76	Sep-17	5.7
Mar-12	YES	Sep-15	38	YES	Sep-16	38	76	Sep-17	5.6
Apr-12	YES	Sep-15	38	YES	Sep-16	38	76	Sep-17	5.5
May-12	YES	Sep-15	38	YES	Sep-16	38	76	Sep-17	5.4
Jun-12	YES	Sep-15	38	YES	Sep-16	38	76	Sep-17	5.3
Jul-12	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-16	38	38	Sep-17	5.2
Aug-12	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-16	38	38	Sep-17	5.1
Sep-12	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-16	38	38	Sep-17	5
Oct-12	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-16	38	38	Sep-17	4.11
Nov-12	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-16	38	38	Sep-17	4.10
Dec-12	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-16	38	38	Sep-17	4.9

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Children Born in 2013

Birth	ECCE 2015	ECCE 2016	Entry Point	No. Of Weeks for 2016 - 2017 pre-school year	ECCE 2017	Entry Point	No. Of Weeks for 2017 - 2018 pre-school year	Total Eligible Weeks	School Start Year	School Start Age
Jan-13	NO	YES	Sep-16	38	YES	Sep-17	38	76	Sept'18	5.8
Feb-13	NO	YES	Sep-16	38	YES	Sep-17	38	76	Sept'18	5.7
Mar-13	NO	YES	Sep-16	38	YES	Sep-17	38	76	Sept'18	5.6
Apr-13	NO	YES	Sep-16	38	YES	Sep-17	38	76	Sept'18	5.5
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Jun-13	NO	YES	Sep-16	38	YES	Sep-17	38	76	Sept'18	5.3
Jul-13	NO	YES	Sep-16	38	YES	Sep-17	38	76	Sept'18	5.2
Aug-13	NO	YES	Sep-16	38	YES	Sep-17	38	76	Sept'18	5.1
Sep-13	NO	YES	Jan-17	23	YES	Sep-17	38	61	Sept'18	5
Oct-13	NO	YES	Jan-17	23	YES	Sep-17	38	61	Sept'18	4.11
Nov-13	NO	YES	Jan-17	23	YES	Sep-17	38	61	Sept'18	4.10
Dec-13	NO	YES	Jan-17	23	YES	Sep-17	38	61	Sept'18	4.9

Children Born in 2014

Birth	ECCE 2016	Entry Point	No. Of Weeks for 2016 - 2017 pre-school year	ECCE 2017	Entry Point	No. Of Weeks for 2017 - 2018 pre-school year	ECCE 2018	Entry Point	No. Of Weeks for 2018 - 2019 pre-school year	Total Eligible Weeks	Start School Year	Start School Age
Jan-14	YES	Apr-17	12	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	88	Sep-19	5.8
Feb-14	YES	Apr-17	12	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	88	Sep-19	5.7
Mar-14	YES	Apr-17	12	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	88	Sep-19	5.6
Apr-14	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	76	Sep-19	5.5
May-14	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	76	Sep-19	5.4
Jun-14	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	76	Sep-19	5.3
Jul-14	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	76	Sep-19	5.2
Aug-14	NO	-	0	YES	Sep-17	38	YES	Sep-18	38	76	Sep-19	5.1
Sep-14	NO	-	0	YES	Jan-18	23	YES	Sep-18	38	61	Sep-19	5
Oct-14	NO	-	0	YES	Jan-18	23	YES	Sep-18	38	61	Sep-19	4.11
Nov-14	NO	-	0	YES	Jan-18	23	YES	Sep-18	38	61	Sep-19	4.10
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DCCC have compiled the above three tables to better explain the entitlements each child has under the ECCE scheme, based on their birth month and the information which has been supplied by DCYA which may be subject to change.

In regards to special needs children or exemptions, this is to be referred to DCYA directly.

Rules which have been applied:

- ECCE 2015: 2nd February 2011 – 30th June 2012
- ECCE 2016: New criteria eligible from September 2016
- ECCE 2016: Entry from when a child turns 3 years old
- ECCE 2016: Staggered entry points of September, January and April of each year depending on birth month.
- ECCE 2016: All children not being older than 5 years and 6 months at the end of each pre-school year.
- All children starting school before they are 6 years old.

DCYA TABLE

To avail of the ECCE programme at any stage during the pre-school year	Children must have been born between the following dates (both dates inclusive)
September 2014 - June 2015	2nd February 2010 - 30th June 2011
September 2015 - June 2016	2nd February 2011 - 30th June 2012
To avail of the ECCE programme with effect from	Children must have been born between the following dates (both dates inclusive)
September 2016 - June 2017	1st January 2012 - 31st August 2013
January 2017 - June 2017	1st January 2012 - 31st December 2013
April 2017 - June 2017	1st January 2012 - 31st March 2014

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Ends

