

## After-School Childcare Programme (ASCC)

The After-School Child Care programme (ASCC) provides after-school care for primary school children for certain categories of working parents. It is administered on behalf of the Department of Social Protection (DSP).

Places can be after-school only or after-school with transport, full day care up to 10 weeks can also be approved for school holiday periods.

Pro rata payments are applied for 3, 4 or 5 day places, and parents are entitled to a maximum of 52 weeks on the scheme. Where eligible parents require childcare for mornings before school, this can be accommodated.

## Am I eligible for ASCC?

In order to be eligible for ASCC a you must be in receipt of Family Income Supplement (FIS): **or** be currently getting Jobseekers Benefit (JB), Jobseekers Allowance (JA), or One Parent Family (OFP) or on a DSP employment programme **and** have been in receipt of a JB, JA or OFP payment or have been on Department of Social Protection (DSP) employment programme (or a combination of the 4) for at least 3 months; **and** have on or more children aged between 4 and 13 who are in primary school; **and** either start a new job or increase the days you currently work; **or** start a DSP employment programme (except CE).

**The maximum amount that you can be charged for an ASCC place is €15.00 per week.**

## How do I apply for Training and Employment Childcare Scheme (TEC)?

**ASCC:** Your local DSP office will be able to tell you if you're eligible for an ASCC place and provide you with a letter of eligibility, this letter must be presented to the childcare service.

**CETS:** You must provide a letter from their training provider to the childcare service including hours of course and start and finish dates.

**CEC:** You must provide a letter of eligibility to the childcare service from your CE sponsor.

You will then be requested to complete a TEC Child Registration Form, with details of you and your child's PPS numbers, dates of birth, etc, along with information about the childcare place required. They may also ask you for proof of you and your child's PPS numbers and dates of birth.

TEC programme places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For further information on the Training and Employment Childcare Scheme (TEC) scheme including programme rules please visit [www.dcy.gov.ie](http://www.dcy.gov.ie).

**A list of preschool/Afterschool services in Carlow participating on the TEC scheme is available from Carlow County Childcare Committee (CCCC) on:**

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## Parent Information

## Training and Employment Childcare Scheme (TEC)

Childcare Education and Training Supports  
Programme (CETS)

Community Employment Childcare  
Programme (CEC)

After-school Childcare Programme (ASCC)

**The objective of the Training and Employment Childcare (TEC) programmes is to support parents on eligible training courses and eligible categories of parents returning to work, by providing subsidised childcare places.**

***There are 3 strands of the TEC programme:***

- **Childcare Education and Training Support programme (CETS)**  
The CETS programme provides childcare to parents participating on certain training courses provided by the Education and Training Board (ETB/SOLAS) and Secondary Schools.
- **Community Employment Childcare programme (CEC)**  
The CEC is administered on behalf of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and provides childcare for children of parents who are participating on Community Employment schemes.
- **After-School Childcare programme (ASCC)**  
The ASCC is administered on behalf of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and provides afterschool care for primary school children for certain categories of working parents and parents on DSP employment programmes (not including Community Employment).

### Childcare Education and Training Support programme (CETS)

Childcare places can be full-time, part-time, after-school only or after-school with transport places. ETBs and SOLAS have sole responsibility for deciding who is eligible to avail of this strand of the TEC Programme.

#### Am I eligible for CETS?

Participants on the following Further Education Programmes are eligible to apply for CETS places.

- CETS approved Education and Training Board (ETB) courses.
- CETS approved Vocational training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)
- CETS approved Youthreach.
- Back to Education Initiative (BTEI).
- Secondary school students completing Junior or Leaving Certificate cycle.

***The maximum amount that you can be charged per week for a CETS place is:***

- ***Full-time childcare place - €25 per week***
- ***Part-time childcare place - €15 per week***
- ***After-school childcare place - €5 per week***
- ***After-school (with transport) - €15 per week***



### Community Employment Childcare programme (CEC)

The CEC programme provides part-time or afterschool care for children up to 13 years of age.

#### Am I eligible for CEC?

If you are a parent taking part in a Community Employment (CE) scheme, you are eligible for a CEC place for your child. Your CE sponsor should give you a letter of eligibility for CEC.

This letter must contain the following information:

- Name of parent
- Start date of entitlement to childcare support
- Confirmation that the parent is eligible for the CEC programme.

***The maximum amount that you can be charged per week for a CEC place is:***

- ***Part-time childcare place - €15 per week***
- ***After-school childcare place - €15 per week***

