

Nova Scotia submits child-care action plan to Ottawa ^[1]

'We look forward to it being released,' says Education Minister Becky Druhan

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The province has submitted its child-care action plan to the federal government.

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A spokesperson for Employment and Social Development Canada told CBC News in August the targets include reducing fees to an average of \$10 a day for licensed child-care and creating 9,500 new licensed spaces by March 2026.

Once submitted and approved, the report would give Nova Scotia access to \$123 million in federal funds for child care and early childhood education this year.

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New child-care spaces are continuing to open, she said, and her department is continuing to support operators and to fund increases to early child care educator wages.

Druhan expects an update on a health and retirement benefits package for early childhood educators will be announced before the end of the year, she said.

Nova Scotia has struggled with creating more licensed child-care spaces. Between July 2021 and Dec. 31, 2022, the province has said that 400 new spaces were created, falling short of its goal of 1,500.

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