

New child care fees take effect in Ontario on Jan. 1: Here's what families need to know ^[1]

Starting Jan. 1, 2025, child care fees are capped at \$22 per day for children under the age of six.

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Parents may get a bit of a break in their daycare fees, now that a new piece of Ontario legislation has kicked in.

Child-care fee reductions in Ontario

As of Jan. 1, 2025, fees are capped at \$22 per day for children under the age of six — but only if your licensed child care provider is enrolled with the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system.

In some cases, child care centres may actually charge less than that — \$19 a day — so parents are already getting some additional savings.

According to a Statistics Canada report, parents in 2023 paid an average of \$7,557 annually for the main full-time (30 or more hours per week) child care arrangement for their child five years of age and younger.

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New funding formula for child care operators

Also as of Jan. 1, a new funding formula for child care operators enrolled with the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system came into effect.

"This new formula will provide the stability and predictability operators need to continue to expand and create more affordable child care spaces for Ontario families," Ontario Minister of Education Todd Smith said in an earlier news release.

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