

Ontario posts rules to ban daycare wait-list fees ^[1]

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Ontario has posted regulations to ban daycare wait-list fees in licensed centres and homes by Sept. 1.

Under the proposed new rules, licensed child-care centres and home daycare agencies would be required to develop a public wait-list policy that sets out the order in which children on the list are offered admission.

And parents would be able to monitor their wait-list status in a way that ensures confidentiality.

The ban is being introduced less than three months after the Star reported on a petition to end the practice launched by two Toronto lawyers decrying wait-list fees up to \$200 in a city where spots are available for just over one in five children.

"I can assure you that I share parents' concerns over wait-list fees," Education Minister Liz Sandals said in a statement Tuesday. "We are listening to families across Ontario and have heard their frustration about having to pay fees to simply be on a waiting list for child care."

The public has until July 4 to comment on the proposals.

Find the regulatory registry regarding child care wait list fees [here](#) ^[3].

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