

# Nova Scotia

## Canada-Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

The Canada-Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement was signed on July 13, 2021.

On August 17, 2021, the Progressive Conservatives won a majority in a general election. The new government said they would continue with the previous Liberal government child care agreement with the federal government.

The [agreement](#) <sup>[1]</sup> and [action plan](#) <sup>[2]</sup> are available online.

## Federal press release

Nova Scotian families to benefit from early learning and child care agreement <sup>[3]</sup>  
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada, 13 July 2021

## Provincial press release

Federal-provincial agreement will transform child care, reduce costs for families <sup>[4]</sup>  
Nova Scotia Premier's Office, 13 July 2021

Canada-Nova Scotia early learning and child care agreement <sup>[5]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 13 July 2021

## Updates and next steps

Nova Scotia child care transformation: Information for families <sup>[6]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 1 June 2022

More Nova Scotia families will have access to licensed early learning and child care <sup>[7]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 1 June 2022

Province creates team to advise on child care transformation <sup>[8]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 20 May 2022

Province provides stable funding to child-care centres, additional one-time grant <sup>[9]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 18 February 2022

Child care that cares for everyone <sup>[10]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 18 February 2022

Nova Scotia families to save hundreds each month in child care fees <sup>[11]</sup>  
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada, 14 January 2022

Province moves to reduce child-care fees by 25 per cent <sup>[12]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 14 January 2022

Province moves ahead on Canada-wide early learning and child-care system <sup>[13]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 15 October 2021

Excellence in early childhood education: Nova Scotia's workforce strategy for early childhood educators <sup>[14]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 13 July 2021

## Community responses

Nova Scotia child care system building must stay on track <sup>[15]</sup>  
Child Care Now - Nova Scotia, 10 May 2022

Advocates in Nova Scotia call for proper compensation and benefits for early childhood educators <sup>[16]</sup>  
Child Care Now, 16 March 2022

National child care advocacy group weighs in on Province's daycare plan <sup>[17]</sup>  
CBC Radio - Information Morning, 20 January 2022

Child Care Now Nova Scotia reacts to results of the provincial election <sup>[18]</sup>  
Child Care Now Nova Scotia, 23 August 2021

On the right track: Reflections on the federal-provincial bilateral agreement on early learning and child care in Nova Scotia <sup>[19]</sup>  
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Nova Scotia, 14 July 2021

Government of Canada's child care agreement with Nova Scotia <sup>[20]</sup>  
Child Care Now, 13 July 2021

Child Care Now N.S. reacts to the monumentally significant agreement <sup>[21]</sup>  
Child Care Now - Nova Scotia, 13 July 2021

## Media coverage

*Note: Media coverage is listed from most recent to oldest.*

Taking the profit out of child care <sup>[22]</sup>  
Spring Magazine, 8 September 2022

N.S. daycare operators say sector in crisis because of staff shortages, rising costs <sup>[23]</sup>  
CBC News, 17 August 2022

Nova Scotia ECE wages and retention top agenda of upcoming meeting <sup>[24]</sup>  
Global News, 9 August 2022

Incorrect information sends some private N.S. child-care operators into 'tailspin' <sup>[25]</sup>  
CBC News, 21 July 2022

'Morale is at an all-time low': Staffing shortages hit N.S. daycares as province expands public system <sup>[26]</sup>  
CTV News, 17 July 2022

N.S. early childhood educator works 2 jobs to survive while waiting for promised wage increase <sup>[27]</sup>  
CBC News, 16 July 2022

Celebrating the one-year anniversary of the signing of the Canada-wide early learning and child care agreement with Nova Scotia <sup>[28]</sup>  
Newswire, 13 July 2022

Compensation package for early childhood educators expected to be ready by this fall <sup>[29]</sup>  
CBC News, 26 April 2022

Des garderies réduisent leurs services à cause d'un manque de personnel en N.-É. <sup>[30]</sup>  
Le Progrès de Coaticook, 26 April 2022

Some Nova Scotia daycares reducing services to deal with labour shortages <sup>[31]</sup>  
The Globe and Mail, 26 April 2022

Child-care fees in Nova Scotia to drop by 25 per cent Friday <sup>[32]</sup>  
CBC News, 31 March 2022

Halifax daycare closing due to government plans for sector, says owner <sup>[33]</sup>  
CBC News, 11 March 2022

More funding on the way for child care centres as the province moves towards \$10 a day child care <sup>[34]</sup>  
Halifax Examiner , 18 February 2022

Private child-care operators seeking clarity about future role in N.S. systems <sup>[35]</sup>  
Saltwire, 13 February 2022

Nova Scotia's shift to publicly funded early learning and child care won't be easy, but it's critical <sup>[36]</sup>  
The Conversation, 25 January 2022

National child care advocacy group weighs in on Province's daycare plan <sup>[17]</sup>  
CBC Radio - Information Morning, 20 January 2022

Nova Scotia's private daycares facing tough decisions <sup>[37]</sup>  
CBC News, 17 January 2022

Nova Scotia child-care fees to be reduced ahead of schedule <sup>[38]</sup>  
CBC News, 14 January 2022

With a Liberal government returning to Ottawa, N.S. premier expects child-care deal to stand <sup>[39]</sup>

CBC News, 21 September 2021

Fate of Nova Scotia's \$10-a-day child-care deal hinges on federal election [40]

CBC News, 5 September 2021

Child-care program will create hundreds of new jobs – but who will staff them? [41]

CBC News, 16 July 2021

Thinking out loud with Sheldon MacLeod: An expert perspective on the childcare announcement [42]

Saltwire, 15 July 2021

N.S. child-care fees to drop to \$10 a day by 2026 under new \$605M deal [43]

CBC News, 13 July 2021

N.S. becomes second province to sign on to federal Liberals' child care subsidy plan [44]

The Star, 13 July 2021

Ottawa and Nova Scotia sign child-care agreement [45]

iPolitics, 13 July 2021

Trudeau calls NS child care funding key to 'a feminist recovery' from COVID [46]

The Coast, 13 July 2021

## Advocacy and policy tools

Nova Scotia's plan to transform early learning and child care in the province [47]

Child Care Now, 19 January 2022

Child Care Now - Nova Scotia public consultation submission [48]

Child Care Now - Nova Scotia, 28 June 2021

Open letter: Recommendations for building an early learning and child care system in Nova Scotia [49]

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Nova Scotia, 25 June 2021

## Other Early Learning and Child Care Bilateral Agreements

Canada – Nova Scotia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement - 2017-2020 [50]

Canada – Nova Scotia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement – 2020-2021 [51]

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