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ECCE PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2026 / 2027

Payment	Week	Start Date	End Date	Details	Payment Date	Notes
	0	17/08/2026	21/08/2026			Preliminary Payment
1	1	24/08/2026	28/08/2026	Full 4-week payment: Based on the number of child FTE at the beginning of December 2025	**21/08/2026**	Start of Term
	2	31/08/2026	04/09/2026			
	3	07/09/2026	11/09/2026			
	4	14/09/2026	18/09/2026			
2	5	21/09/2026	25/09/2026	Maximum 4 weeks: Based on registrations to 16/10/2026 minus preliminary payment	**18/09/2026**	
	6	28/09/2026	02/10/2026			
	7	05/10/2026	09/10/2026			
	8	12/10/2026	16/10/2026			
3	9	19/10/2026	23/10/2026	Maximum 5 weeks: Based on registrations to 20/11/2026	**16/10/2026**	October Mid Term 26/10/2026 – 30/10/2026
	10	26/10/2026	30/10/2026			
	11	02/11/2026	06/11/2026			
	12	09/11/2026	13/11/2026			
	13	16/11/2026	20/11/2026			
4	14	23/11/2026	27/11/2026	Maximum 6 weeks: Based on registrations to 01/01/2027	**20/11/2026**	Christmas Holidays 21/12/2026 – 01/01/2027
	15	30/11/2026	04/12/2026			
	16	07/12/2026	11/12/2026			
	17	14/12/2026	18/12/2026			
	18	21/12/2026	25/12/2026			
	19	28/12/2026	01/01/2027			
5	20	04/01/2027	08/01/2027	Maximum 4 weeks: Based on registrations to 29/01/2027	**05/01/2027**	
	21	11/01/2027	15/01/2027			
	22	18/01/2027	22/01/2027			
	23	25/01/2027	29/01/2027			
6	24	01/02/2027	05/02/2027	Maximum 5 weeks: Based on registrations to 05/03/2027	**29/01/2027**	February Mid Term 15/02/2027 – 19/02/2027
	25	08/02/2027	12/02/2027			
	26	15/02/2027	19/02/2027			
	27	22/02/2027	26/02/2027			
	28	01/03/2027	05/03/2027			
7	29	08/03/2027	12/03/2027	Maximum 6 weeks: Based on registrations to 16/04/2027	**05/03/2027**	Easter Holiday 22/03/2027 – 02/04/2027
	30	15/03/2027	19/03/2027			
	31	22/03/2027	26/03/2027			
	32	29/03/2027	02/04/2027			
	33	05/04/2027	09/04/2027			
	34	12/04/2027	16/04/2027			
8	35	19/04/2027	23/04/2027	Maximum 4 weeks: Based on registrations to 14/05/2027	**16/04/2027**	
	36	26/04/2027	30/04/2027			
	37	03/05/2027	07/05/2027			
	38	10/05/2027	14/05/2027			
9	39	17/05/2027	21/05/2027	Maximum 4 weeks: Based on registrations to 11/06/2027	**14/05/2027**	End Summer Term for 38 week services = 25/06/2027 End Summer Term for 41 week services = 16/07/2027
	40	24/05/2027	28/05/2027			
	41	31/05/2027	04/06/2027			
	42	07/06/2027	11/06/2027			
10	43	14/06/2027	18/06/2027	Maximum 4 weeks: Based on registrations to 09/07/2027	**11/06/2027**	
	44	21/06/2027	25/06/2027			
	45	28/06/2027	02/07/2027			
	46	05/07/2027	09/07/2027			
	47	12/07/2027	16/07/2027	Final Programme Payments		

PLEASE NOTE:

- Non-payment weeks must be input by Early Years Service Providers to the Service Calendar prior to registering children. Non-payment weeks will be deducted from the relevant payment based on the above schedule.
- This schedule is for information purposes only. DCDE reserves the right to amend it at any stage. Service Providers are advised to check HIVE on a regular basis to ensure they are in possession of the most up to date information.