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# Finding childcare in Luxembourg



In Luxembourg you are entitled to 20 weeks' maternity leave (8 weeks prior to the estimated delivery date and 12 weeks after delivery) and 4-6 months parental leave. Under certain conditions you can take part-time parental leave instead, for a longer duration. Fathers are entitled to up to 10 days' paternity leave.



### Day care (crèches)

- From 3 months to 4 years old, and before its compulsory schooling starts, a child can be placed in a crèche, or day care centre. These can be run by the municipality, privately, or under a state agreement.
- Municipal crèches are open from 7:30am-6:30pm and children who are ill may not attend.
- Crèches vary in educational concept: there are organic-approach crèches, company crèches, multilingual crèches, woodland crèches (Béschrèche), and others.
- There are no night-time crèches in the Grand Duchy; legally it is not allowed.
- A new concept of “mini-crèches” is expected soon to be validated legally.



### Day nurseries

- Day nurseries take children aged 2 months to 8 years, for up to 16 hours/week. Like crèches, they can be municipally run, operated under a state agreement, or private.
- A multilingual educational programme for 1-4 year olds has recently been introduced.



### Day centres

- Day centres offer care for pupils aged 4-12 before and after school. They also offer days of activities during school holidays.



### “Maison relais” for children

More flexible in terms of conditions than crèches and day nurseries, maison relais look after children aged 3-12 (and in some cases up to 18). They are open from 7:00am-7:00pm, offering supervision, meals, activities, and help with homework.



### “Au pair” placement

Au pairs live with a family, minding children and helping with chores for around 5 hours/day. A legal framework regulates au pair placement in Luxembourg.



### Parental assistants

Parental assistants are licensed to, in their own homes, look after children ages 0-12 during the day and/or at night. In Luxembourg there are 700+ of them, with an average cost of €4/hour.



### Child benefit

All children are entitled to a monthly allowance payable from birth until the end of schooling (up to age 25).

- €265/month per child under 6
- €285/month per child 6-11
- €315/month per child 12 and over



### Child service vouchers

The Chèque Services Accueil (CSA) is the state's contribution towards childcare costs (for children up to 12), paid directly to approved care providers. It is calculated using the family's income, number of children, and number of childcare hours needed. Cross-border workers can also benefit from the CSA system.