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# Annual funding for ECCE-only sessional services

Programme year 2021/2022 to 2023/2024



## Core Funding Year 2

Alongside increases to the base rate and removing the experience requirement on the graduate premiums, there are a number of targeted measures being introduced to Core Funding in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year:

- Flat rate top up for sessional services of €4,075 p.a.
- Minimum allocation (base rate and flat rate top up) of €8,150 for all centre-based services
- Maximum allocation (base rate and flat rate top up) of €600,000

When considering the impact of these changes on capitation, it is important to note that the flat rate top up will have different impacts depending on the make up of a service (hours, places, etc.).

A number of scenarios are presented overleaf illustrating this in differing sessional services.

# Scenario 1: Standard capitation service with 1 ECCE session

Sessional service operating a single ECCE session

## Assumptions

- Service operates 15 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
- Service operates at ratio (i.e. capacity of 11 or 22), unless otherwise specified.

The income therefore relates to ECCE income for between 8 and 22 children, and Core Funding income for 570 hours a year and either 11 or 22 places. The year 2 income includes an additional €4,075 through the flat rate top up, not linked to operating hours or capacity.

There are also three scenarios depicted where a service would see their allocation increase through the minimum floor of €8,150 (values in green)



Scenario 1: Standard capitation service with 1 ECCE session							
Capacity	Number of children enrolled	21/22 funding model (ECCE SC, PSP)	Core Funding Year 1 income (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase old funding model to CF Y1	CF Year 2 (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase Y1 to Y2	Increase old funding model to Y2
11	8	€ 21,859.20	€ 25,051.50	14.6%	€ 29,314.60	17.0%	34.1%
	9	€ 24,591.60	€ 27,673.50	12.5%	€ 31,936.60	15.4%	29.9%
	10	€ 27,324.00	€ 30,295.50	10.9%	€ 34,558.60	14.1%	26.5%
	11	€ 30,056.40	€ 32,917.50	9.5%	€ 37,180.60	13.0%	23.7%
22	12	€ 32,788.80	€ 39,615.00	20.8%	€ 44,066.20	11.2%	34.4%
	13	€ 35,521.20	€ 42,237.00	18.9%	€ 46,688.20	10.5%	31.4%
	14	€ 38,253.60	€ 44,859.00	17.3%	€ 49,310.20	9.9%	28.9%
	15	€ 40,986.00	€ 47,481.00	15.8%	€ 51,932.20	9.4%	26.7%
	16	€ 43,718.40	€ 50,103.00	14.6%	€ 54,554.20	8.9%	24.8%
	17	€ 46,450.80	€ 52,725.00	13.5%	€ 57,176.20	8.4%	23.1%
	18	€ 49,183.20	€ 55,347.00	12.5%	€ 59,798.20	8.0%	21.6%
	19	€ 51,915.60	€ 57,969.00	11.7%	€ 62,420.20	7.7%	20.2%
	20	€ 54,648.00	€ 60,591.00	10.9%	€ 65,042.20	7.3%	19.0%
	21	€ 57,380.40	€ 63,213.00	10.2%	€ 67,664.20	7.0%	17.9%
22	€ 60,112.80	€ 65,835.00	9.5%	€ 70,286.20	6.8%	16.9%	
8	8	€ 21,859.20	€ 23,940.00	9.5%	€ 29,126.00	21.7%	33.2%
9	9	€ 24,591.60	€ 26,932.50	9.5%	€ 31,748.00	17.9%	29.1%
10	10	€ 27,324.00	€ 29,925.00	9.5%	€ 34,370.00	14.9%	25.8%

## Scenario 2: Standard capitation service with 2 ECCE sessions (consecutive)

Sessional service operating one AM and one PM ECCE session

### Assumptions

- Service operates 30 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
- Service operates at ratio (i.e. capacity of 11 or 22 at one time), unless otherwise specified.

The income therefore relates to ECCE income for between 16 and 44 children, and Core Funding income for 1,140 hours a year and either 11 or 22 places at one time. The year 2 income includes an additional €4,075 through the flat rate top up, not linked to operating hours or capacity.

The services in this table do not require the floor. For comparability, these services are included.

Scenario 2: Standard capitation service with 2 ECCE sessions (consecutive)

Capacity	Number of children enrolled	21/22 funding model (ECCE SC, PSP)	Core Funding Year 1 income (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase old funding model to CF Y1	CF Year 2 (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase Y1 to Y2	Increase old funding model to Y2
11 x 2	16	€ 43,718.40	€ 50,103.00	14.6%	€ 54,554.20	8.9%	24.8%
	18	€ 49,183.20	€ 55,347.00	12.5%	€ 59,798.20	8.0%	21.6%
	20	€ 54,648.00	€ 60,591.00	10.9%	€ 65,042.20	7.3%	19.0%
	22	€ 60,112.80	€ 65,835.00	9.5%	€ 70,286.20	6.8%	16.9%
22 x 2	24	€ 65,577.60	€ 79,230.00	20.8%	€ 84,057.40	6.1%	28.2%
	26	€ 71,042.40	€ 84,474.00	18.9%	€ 89,301.40	5.7%	25.7%
	28	€ 76,507.20	€ 89,718.00	17.3%	€ 94,545.40	5.4%	23.6%
	30	€ 81,972.00	€ 94,962.00	15.8%	€ 99,789.40	5.1%	21.7%
	32	€ 87,436.80	€ 100,206.00	14.6%	€ 105,033.40	4.8%	20.1%
	34	€ 92,901.60	€ 105,450.00	13.5%	€ 110,277.40	4.6%	18.7%
	36	€ 98,366.40	€ 110,694.00	12.5%	€ 115,521.40	4.4%	17.4%
	38	€ 103,831.20	€ 115,938.00	11.7%	€ 120,765.40	4.2%	16.3%
	40	€ 109,296.00	€ 121,182.00	10.9%	€ 126,009.40	4.0%	15.3%
	42	€ 114,760.80	€ 126,426.00	10.2%	€ 131,253.40	3.8%	14.4%
44	€ 120,225.60	€ 131,670.00	9.5%	€ 136,497.40	3.7%	13.5%	
8 x 2	16	€ 43,718.40	€ 47,880.00	9.5%	€ 52,228.60	9.1%	19.5%
9 x 2	18	€ 49,183.20	€ 53,865.00	9.5%	€ 58,247.80	8.1%	18.4%
10 x 2	20	€ 54,648.00	€ 59,850.00	9.5%	€ 64,267.00	7.4%	17.6%



# Scenario 3: Sessional service with 1 graduate-led ECCE session

Sessional service operating a single ECCE session, led by a Graduate Lead Educator

## Assumptions

- Service operates 15 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
- Service operates at ratio (i.e. capacity of 11 or 22), unless otherwise specified.

The income therefore relates to ECCE income for between 8 and 22 children, and Core Funding income for 570 hours a year, either 11 or 22 places and 1 Graduate Premium for the full hours. The year 2 income includes an additional €4,075 through the flat rate top up, not linked to operating hours or capacity.

Services where the funding guarantee has been applied in year 1 are highlighted in red.

There are also three scenarios depicted where a service would see their allocation increase through the minimum floor of €8,150 (values in green).

Scenario 3: Sessional service with 1 graduate-led ECCE session								
Capacity	Number of children enrolled	21/22 funding model (ECCE HC, PSP)	Core Funding Year 1 income (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase old funding model to CF Y1	CF Year 2 (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase Y1 to Y2	Increase old funding model to Y2	
11	8	€ 25,279.20	€ 27,582.30	9.1%	€ 31,845.40	15.5%	26.0%	
	9	€ 28,439.10	€ 30,204.30	6.2%	€ 34,467.40	14.1%	21.2%	
	10	€ 31,599.00	€ 32,826.30	3.9%	€ 37,089.40	13.0%	17.4%	
	11	€ 34,758.90	€ 35,448.30	2.0%	€ 39,711.40	12.0%	14.2%	
22	12	€ 37,918.80	€ 42,145.80	11.1%	€ 46,597.00	10.6%	22.9%	
	13	€ 41,078.70	€ 44,767.80	9.0%	€ 49,219.00	9.9%	19.8%	
	14	€ 44,238.60	€ 47,389.80	7.1%	€ 51,841.00	9.4%	17.2%	
	15	€ 47,398.50	€ 50,011.80	5.5%	€ 54,463.00	8.9%	14.9%	
	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 52,633.80	4.1%	€ 57,085.00	8.5%	12.9%	
	17	€ 53,718.30	€ 55,255.80	2.9%	€ 59,707.00	8.1%	11.1%	
	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 57,877.80	1.8%	€ 62,329.00	7.7%	9.6%	
	19	€ 60,038.10	€ 60,499.80	0.8%	€ 64,951.00	7.4%	8.2%	
	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 63,198.00	0.0%	€ 67,573.00	6.9%	6.9%	
	21	€ 66,357.90	€ 66,357.90	0.0%	€ 70,195.00	5.8%	5.8%	
22	€ 69,517.80	€ 69,517.80	0.0%	€ 72,817.00	4.7%	4.7%		
8	8	€ 25,279.20	€ 26,470.80	4.7%	€ 31,656.80	19.6%	25.2%	
9	9	€ 28,439.10	€ 29,463.30	3.6%	€ 34,278.80	16.3%	20.5%	
10	10	€ 31,599.00	€ 32,455.80	2.7%	€ 36,900.80	13.7%	16.8%	



## Scenario 4: Sessional service with 2 graduate-led ECCE sessions (consecutive)

Sessional service operating one AM and one PM ECCE session, both led by a Graduate Lead Educator

### Assumptions

- Service operates 30 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
- Service operates at ratio (i.e. capacity of 11 or 22 at one time), unless otherwise specified.

The income therefore relates to ECCE income for between 16 and 44 children, and Core Funding income for 1,140 hours a year, either 11 or 22 places at one time and 1 Graduate Premium for the full hours. The year 2 income includes an additional €4,075 through the flat rate top up, not linked to operating hours or capacity.

Services where the funding guarantee have been applied in year 1 are highlighted in red.

The services in this table do not require the floor. For comparability, these services are included.

Scenario 4: Sessional service with 2 graduate-led ECCE sessions (consecutive)

Capacity	Number of children enrolled	21/22 funding model (ECCE HC, PSP)	Core Funding Year 1 income (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase old funding model to CF Y1	CF Year 2 (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase Y1 to Y2	Increase old funding model to Y2
11 x 2	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 55,164.60	9.1%	€ 59,615.80	8.1%	17.9%
	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 60,408.60	6.2%	€ 64,859.80	7.4%	14.0%
	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 65,652.60	3.9%	€ 70,103.80	6.8%	10.9%
	22	€ 69,517.80	€ 70,896.60	2.0%	€ 75,347.80	6.3%	8.4%
22 x 2	24	€ 75,837.60	€ 84,291.60	11.1%	€ 89,119.00	5.7%	17.5%
	26	€ 82,157.40	€ 89,535.60	9.0%	€ 94,363.00	5.4%	14.9%
	28	€ 88,477.20	€ 94,779.60	7.1%	€ 99,607.00	5.1%	12.6%
	30	€ 94,797.00	€ 100,023.60	5.5%	€ 104,851.00	4.8%	10.6%
	32	€ 101,116.80	€ 105,267.60	4.1%	€ 110,095.00	4.6%	8.9%
	34	€ 107,436.60	€ 110,511.60	2.9%	€ 115,339.00	4.4%	7.4%
	36	€ 113,756.40	€ 115,755.60	1.8%	€ 120,583.00	4.2%	6.0%
	38	€ 120,076.20	€ 120,999.60	0.8%	€ 125,827.00	4.0%	4.8%
	40	€ 126,396.00	€ 126,396.00	0.0%	€ 131,071.00	3.7%	3.7%
	42	€ 132,715.80	€ 132,715.80	0.0%	€ 136,315.00	2.7%	2.7%
	44	€ 139,035.60	€ 139,035.60	0.0%	€ 141,559.00	1.8%	1.8%
8 x 2	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 52,941.60	4.7%	€ 57,290.20	8.2%	13.3%
9 x 2	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 58,926.60	3.6%	€ 63,309.40	7.4%	11.3%
10 x 2	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 64,911.60	2.7%	€ 69,328.60	6.8%	9.7%

# Scenario 5: Sessional service with 1 graduate-led ECCE session and a graduate manager

Sessional service operating a single ECCE session, led by a Graduate Lead Educator. Service also has a Graduate Manager.

## Assumptions

- Service operates 15 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
- Service operates at ratio (i.e. capacity of 11 or 22), unless otherwise specified.
- Manager is out of ratio or acting as an Educator (i.e. Lead Educator and Manager premiums are attracted by different people)

The income therefore relates to ECCE income for between 8 and 22 children, and Core Funding income for 570 hours a year, either 11 or 22 places and 2 Graduate Premiums for the full hours. The year 2 income includes an additional €4,075 through the flat rate top up, not linked to operating hours or capacity.

There are also three scenarios depicted where a service would see their allocation increase through the minimum floor of €8,150 (values in green)



Scenario 5: Sessional service with 1 graduate-led ECCE session and a graduate manager

Capacity	Number of children enrolled	21/22 funding model (ECCE HC, PSP)	Core Funding Year 1 income (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase old funding model to CF Y1	CF Year 2 (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase Y1 to Y2	Increase old funding model to Y2
11	8	€ 25,279.20	€ 30,113.10	19.1%	€ 34,376.20	14.2%	36.0%
	9	€ 28,439.10	€ 32,735.10	15.1%	€ 36,998.20	13.0%	30.1%
	10	€ 31,599.00	€ 35,357.10	11.9%	€ 39,620.20	12.1%	25.4%
	11	€ 34,758.90	€ 37,979.10	9.3%	€ 42,242.20	11.2%	21.5%
22	12	€ 37,918.80	€ 44,676.60	17.8%	€ 49,127.80	10.0%	29.6%
	13	€ 41,078.70	€ 47,298.60	15.1%	€ 51,749.80	9.4%	26.0%
	14	€ 44,238.60	€ 49,920.60	12.8%	€ 54,371.80	8.9%	22.9%
	15	€ 47,398.50	€ 52,542.60	10.9%	€ 56,993.80	8.5%	20.2%
	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 55,164.60	9.1%	€ 59,615.80	8.1%	17.9%
	17	€ 53,718.30	€ 57,786.60	7.6%	€ 62,237.80	7.7%	15.9%
	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 60,408.60	6.2%	€ 64,859.80	7.4%	14.0%
	19	€ 60,038.10	€ 63,030.60	5.0%	€ 67,481.80	7.1%	12.4%
	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 65,652.60	3.9%	€ 70,103.80	6.8%	10.9%
	21	€ 66,357.90	€ 68,274.60	2.9%	€ 72,725.80	6.5%	9.6%
22	€ 69,517.80	€ 70,896.60	2.0%	€ 75,347.80	6.3%	8.4%	
8	8	€ 25,279.20	€ 29,001.60	14.7%	€ 34,187.60	17.9%	35.2%
9	9	€ 28,439.10	€ 31,994.10	12.5%	€ 36,809.60	15.1%	29.4%
10	10	€ 31,599.00	€ 34,986.60	10.7%	€ 39,431.60	12.7%	24.8%

# Scenario 6: Sessional service with 2 graduate-led ECCE sessions (consecutive) and graduate manager

Sessional service operating one AM and one PM ECCE session, both led by a Graduate Lead Educator. Service also has a Graduate Manager.

## Assumptions

- Service operates 30 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
- Service operates at ratio (i.e. capacity of 11 or 22 at one time), unless otherwise specified.
- Manager is out of ratio or acting as an Educator (i.e. Lead Educator and Manager premiums are attracted by different people)

The income therefore relates to ECCE income for between 16 and 44 children, and Core Funding income for 1,140 hours a year, either 11 or 22 places at one time and 2 Graduate Premiums for the full hours. The year 2 income includes an additional €4,075 through the flat rate top up, not linked to operating hours or capacity.

The services in this table do not require the floor. For comparability, these services are included

Scenario 6: Sessional service with 2 graduate-led ECCE sessions (consecutive) and graduate manager							
Capacity	Number of children enrolled	21/22 funding model (ECCE HC, PSP)	Core Funding Year 1 income (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase old funding model to CF Y1	CF Year 2 (ECCE SC, CF)	Increase Y1 to Y2	Increase old funding model to Y2
11 x 2	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 60,226.20	19.1%	€ 64,677.40	7.4%	27.9%
	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 65,470.20	15.1%	€ 69,921.40	6.8%	22.9%
	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 70,714.20	11.9%	€ 75,165.40	6.3%	18.9%
	22	€ 69,517.80	€ 75,958.20	9.3%	€ 80,409.40	5.9%	15.7%
22 x 2	24	€ 75,837.60	€ 89,353.20	17.8%	€ 94,180.60	5.4%	24.2%
	26	€ 82,157.40	€ 94,597.20	15.1%	€ 99,424.60	5.1%	21.0%
	28	€ 88,477.20	€ 99,841.20	12.8%	€ 104,668.60	4.8%	18.3%
	30	€ 94,797.00	€ 105,085.20	10.9%	€ 109,912.60	4.6%	15.9%
	32	€ 101,116.80	€ 110,329.20	9.1%	€ 115,156.60	4.4%	13.9%
	34	€ 107,436.60	€ 115,573.20	7.6%	€ 120,400.60	4.2%	12.1%
	36	€ 113,756.40	€ 120,817.20	6.2%	€ 125,644.60	4.0%	10.5%
	38	€ 120,076.20	€ 126,061.20	5.0%	€ 130,888.60	3.8%	9.0%
	40	€ 126,396.00	€ 131,305.20	3.9%	€ 136,132.60	3.7%	7.7%
	42	€ 132,715.80	€ 136,549.20	2.9%	€ 141,376.60	3.5%	6.5%
	44	€ 139,035.60	€ 141,793.20	2.0%	€ 146,620.60	3.4%	5.5%
8 x 2	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 58,003.20	14.7%	€ 62,351.80	7.5%	23.3%
9 x 2	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 63,988.20	12.5%	€ 68,371.00	6.8%	20.2%
10 x 2	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 69,973.20	10.7%	€ 74,390.20	6.3%	17.7%



## Scenario 7: Sessional service with 2 graduate-led ECCE sessions (concurrent) and graduate manager

Sessional service operating two AM ECCE sessions, both led by Graduate Lead Educators. Service also has a Graduate Manager.

### Assumptions

- Service operates 15 hours per week, 38 weeks per year
- Service operates at ratio (i.e. capacity of 11 or 22 at one time), unless otherwise specified.
- Manager is out of ratio *or* acting as an Educator (i.e. Lead Educator and Manager premiums are attracted by different people)

The income therefore relates to ECCE income for between 16 and 44 children, and Core Funding income for 570 hours a year, either 22 or 44 places at one time and 3 Graduate Premiums for the full hours. The year 2 income includes an additional €4,075 through the flat rate top up, not linked to operating hours or capacity.

The services in this table do not require the floor. For comparability, these services are included.

**Scenario 7: Sessional service with 2 graduate-led ECCE sessions (concurrent) and graduate manager**

<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Number of children enrolled</b>	<b>21/22 funding model (ECCE HC, PSP)</b>	<b>Core Funding Year 1 income (ECCE SC, CF)</b>	<b>Increase old funding model to CF Y1</b>	<b>CF Year 2 (ECCE SC, CF)</b>	<b>Increase Y1 to Y2</b>	<b>Increase old funding model to Y2</b>
11 x 2	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 57,695.40	14.1%	€ 62,146.60	7.7%	22.9%
	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 62,939.40	10.7%	€ 67,390.60	7.1%	18.5%
	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 68,183.40	7.9%	€ 72,634.60	6.5%	14.9%
	22	€ 69,517.80	€ 73,427.40	5.6%	€ 77,878.60	6.1%	12.0%
22 x 2	24	€ 75,837.60	€ 86,822.40	14.5%	€ 91,649.80	5.6%	20.9%
	26	€ 82,157.40	€ 92,066.40	12.1%	€ 96,893.80	5.2%	17.9%
	28	€ 88,477.20	€ 97,310.40	10.0%	€ 102,137.80	5.0%	15.4%
	30	€ 94,797.00	€ 102,554.40	8.2%	€ 107,381.80	4.7%	13.3%
	32	€ 101,116.80	€ 107,798.40	6.6%	€ 112,625.80	4.5%	11.4%
	34	€ 107,436.60	€ 113,042.40	5.2%	€ 117,869.80	4.3%	9.7%
	36	€ 113,756.40	€ 118,286.40	4.0%	€ 123,113.80	4.1%	8.2%
	38	€ 120,076.20	€ 123,530.40	2.9%	€ 128,357.80	3.9%	6.9%
	40	€ 126,396.00	€ 128,774.40	1.9%	€ 133,601.80	3.7%	5.7%
	42	€ 132,715.80	€ 134,018.40	1.0%	€ 138,845.80	3.6%	4.6%
	44	€ 139,035.60	€ 139,262.40	0.2%	€ 144,089.80	3.5%	3.6%
8 x 2	16	€ 50,558.40	€ 55,472.40	9.7%	€ 59,821.00	7.8%	18.3%
9 x 2	18	€ 56,878.20	€ 61,457.40	8.1%	€ 65,840.20	7.1%	15.8%
10 x 2	20	€ 63,198.00	€ 67,442.40	6.7%	€ 71,859.40	6.5%	13.7%