

After-School Child Care programme (ASCC)

The After-School Childcare Programme (ASCC) is a programme to support unemployed and low income working parents and those on DSP employment programmes (not including Community Employment) with afterschool care for primary school children.

To be eligible you must either be; starting a new job, increasing your work hours or starting an employment programme.

If you satisfy the criteria and are offered a place on this scheme, you can get after-school child care for up to 5 days per week at a daily rate of €3 per day per child, for example €15 per week per child. The scheme also provides an after school pick up service alongside full-day childcare during the school holidays at no additional cost, as long as childcare is required during the holidays.

You may be eligible for the scheme if: you are currently getting a Jobseeker's Benefit (JB), Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) or One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) or are on a DSP employment programme and you have one or more children aged between 4 and 13 who are in primary school.

For further information you should contact your local Intreo Centre or your local Social Welfare Office. They will explain how the application process works and give you the relevant forms. If you are then eligible for the scheme they will provide you with an eligibility letter and refer you to the relevant County Childcare Committee who will arrange your childcare place(s).

Parental Contribution:

	Full Time Rate	Part-time Rate	After School Rate	After School Pick up Rate	Holiday Rate
ASCC	N/A	N/A	€15	€15	€15