

# A GOOD START FOR EVERY CHILD

MAKING QUALITY PRESCHOOLS MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE.

## MORE FAMILIES TO PAY LESS FOR PRESCHOOL

### 1 More families to enjoy Additional Subsidy and Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS)

Increase monthly household income ceiling for means-tested subsidies to \$12,000\*.

### 2 Higher preschool subsidies across all eligible income tiers

Lower-income families will receive higher subsidies.

### 3 Maintain fee caps for Anchor and Partner Operators

Lower fee cap for childcare Partner Operator scheme from Jan 2021. To lower fee caps further in the medium term so that full-day childcare expenses (before means-tested subsidies) is about primary school fees plus after-school fees.



\* Increase from the current monthly household income ceiling of \$7,500 for Additional Subsidy (to support working mothers for childcare and infant care at all ECDA-licensed childcare centres) and \$6,000 for KiFAS (for kindergartens run by Anchor Operators and MOE).

## MORE FAMILIES TO BENEFIT FROM QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED PRESCHOOLS

1 Full-day preschool capacity has doubled to almost 180,000 places today, from 90,000 in 2012. This will grow to over 200,000 places over the next few years.



2 The Partner Operator scheme will be extended to more childcare centres and a small number of quality kindergartens in 2021.







3 By around 2025, 80% of preschoolers can have a place in a government-supported preschool operated by Anchor Operators, Partner Operators, or MOE. This is an increase from just over 50% today.



## WHAT FAMILIES MIGHT PAY?

Families of Singapore citizen children enrolled in all ECDA-licensed childcare centres receive Basic Subsidy for childcare and infant care. They may also receive Additional Subsidy if they meet the eligibility criteria. Families of Singapore citizen children enrolled in kindergartens run by Anchor Operators and MOE may qualify for KiFAS. With the enhanced subsidies from January 2020, the following are some examples of what families might pay for preschool programmes, assuming that the child is enrolled in an Anchor Operator centre.<sup>#</sup> Details at: [www.ecda.gov.sg/Pages/Subsidies-and-Financial-Assistance.aspx](http://www.ecda.gov.sg/Pages/Subsidies-and-Financial-Assistance.aspx)

 Dual-income family with monthly household income of*	Family A <b>\$3,000</b>	Family B <b>\$5,000</b>	Family C <b>\$8,000</b>	Family D <b>\$12,000</b>
<b>A For full-day childcare services by an Anchor Operator, with fees of \$770* per month</b> 				
<b>Basic Subsidy</b>	<b>\$300</b>			
<b>Maximum Additional Subsidy</b>	<b>\$467</b> (compared to \$400 today)	<b>\$340</b> (compared to \$100 today)	<b>\$190</b> (not eligible today)	<b>\$80</b> (not eligible today)
<b>After enhanced subsidies, family pays</b>	<b>\$3</b> (compared to \$70 today)	<b>\$130</b> (compared to \$370 today)	<b>\$280</b> (compared to \$470 today)	<b>\$390</b> (compared to \$470 today)
<b>B For kindergarten services by an Anchor Operator, with fees of \$171* per month</b> 				
<b>Maximum KiFAS</b>	<b>\$170</b> (compared to \$165 today)	<b>\$111</b> (compared to \$60 today)	<b>\$71</b> (not eligible today)	<b>\$21</b> (not eligible today)
<b>After enhanced subsidies, family pays</b>	<b>\$1</b> (compared to \$6 today)	<b>\$60</b> (compared to \$111 today)	<b>\$100</b> (compared to \$171 today)	<b>\$150</b> (compared to \$171 today)
<b>C For full-day infant care services by an Anchor Operator, with fees of \$1,364* per month</b> 				
<b>Basic Subsidy</b>	<b>\$600</b>			
<b>Maximum Additional Subsidy</b>	<b>\$710</b> (compared to \$500 today)	<b>\$500</b> (compared to \$200 today)	<b>\$240</b> (not eligible today)	<b>\$40</b> (not eligible today)
<b>After enhanced subsidies, family pays</b>	<b>\$54</b> (compared to \$264 today)	<b>\$264</b> (compared to \$564 today)	<b>\$524</b> (compared to \$764 today)	<b>\$724</b> (compared to \$764 today)

\*The amount that families pay will differ for preschools that charge different fees.

<sup>^</sup>Larger families with three or more dependants can continue to have their income assessed on a per capita basis, which may allow them to qualify for higher means-tested subsidies.

\*Fees after GST. Assumes fees are at the applicable fee caps for Anchor Operators.

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