

## COSP Calculation and Conditions

The amount of COSP available for services where DCEDIY has indicated eligibility (subject to the certain conditions) is available under notifications on the Early Years Hive. Please see provider FAQs for detailed information on eligibility. A short guide to calculation of eligibility and available COSP funding for eligible services is provided below.

### Calculating your COSP

If you want to check how this was calculated you can do so by:

1. Taking the maximum number of children the service can accommodate (as specified on your Tusla Registration)
2. Multiplying this by 0.83
3. Multiplying it again by the average weekly fee in the county in which the service operates for the service type (distinguished by private/community, and full-day/SAC-out-of-term), (available in Appendix 1 on the current provider FAQs)

This gives you your “calculated income capacity”.

Then:

1. take this figure (the “calculated income capacity”)
2. Subtract the total value of DCEDIY funding schemes (ECCE, AIM, NCS, legacy schemes) for the week ending December 13<sup>th</sup> (available through the Hive and PIP)
3. Multiply the result of this subtraction by 0.2028

This gives you your COSP.

### Example

A private full-day service in Cork City is eligible for COSP. It is registered for a maximum of 40 children. It has 21 children registered on DCEDIY funding schemes (17 on ECCE and 4 on NCS/CCSP-saver).

In the week ending 13 December 2020, it was allocated €1,364.25 in ECCE capitation and €807.33 in NCS/CCSP-saver subsidies, giving a total allocation of €2,171.58.

The service’s ‘calculated-income-capacity’ is €6,964.36, calculated as follows:

- 40 (max children on the Tusla register)
- Multiplied by 0.83 (i.e. 83%)
- Multiplied by the average weekly fee for full-day private services in Cork City (€209.77)

Giving €6,964.36 as the calculated income capacity

Service (1) is therefore deemed eligible for COSP.

The weekly COSP payment for service if it accepts the COSP conditions, will be

- €6,964.36 (the calculated income capacity)
- Minus €2,171.58 (The services DCEDIY funding for the week ending December 13<sup>th</sup> 2020)
- Multiplied by .2028

Giving a total payment for week of €971.28 if the provider signs up to the scheme

### **The conditions of payment**

To receive the COSP, an eligible service must agree to the following conditions:

- During the period 1 February to 5 March, be open and providing ELC or SAC, or closed with permission of the Department or at the direction of the Government, Department or public health authorities;
- Not charge parental fees for the period 1 February to 5 March, for any children who are not attending the service, whether or not they are receiving subsidy under any of the following Department funding schemes – NCS, ECCE, CCSP and TEC;
- Maintain places for all children in the service, including those who do not attend between 1 February and 5 March;
- Make all reasonable effort to retain all of the staff in the service;
- Make all reasonable effort to engage with children not attending the service; and
- Make all reasonable effort to engage staff who are not attending the premises to participate in continuing professional development or planning or administrative activities.