

Employment Related Day Care Provider Guide Insert



This Provider Guide Insert increases to the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) provider rates for license-exempt Standard Family (FAM) and Enhanced Family (QFM) providers effective March 1, 2026. It also includes previously shared information: ERDC provider rates for licensed providers effective January 1, 2026; Enhanced Rate information and application link; and the ERDC 9% Additional Payment form and request process effective January 1, 2024.

ERDC Rate Increase for License-Exempt Family Child Care Providers – Effective March 1, 2026

- These rates apply to child care provided in the month of March 2026 and later.
- Providers cannot bill ERDC families more than they charge private pay families.
- Reminder that ERDC cannot cover private school tuition.
- ♦ **Important note:** Only license-exempt Standard Family (FAM) and Enhanced Family (QFM) maximum rates increase effective March 1, 2026. Rates for centers (CNT, QEC, and NQC) and licensed family child care providers (RFM and CFM) outlined in this chart remain effective January 1, 2026, as shown in the tables.

Child age categories and provider type definitions used with the rate charts	
Infant	Newborn through 11 months for license-exempt care 6 weeks through 23 months for Registered or Certified Family care
Toddler	1 year (12 months) through age 2 years for license-exempt care 2 years for Registered or Certified Family care
Preschool	3 years through 5 years for license-exempt and licensed care
School	6 years or older for license-exempt and licensed care
Special Needs	A child from newborn through 17 years old who needs more costly care due to a physical, behavioral, or mental disability

Note: Unless the child has a special circumstance, ERDC pays child care for children through age 12. Children will remain on the billing form through the end of the certification period when they turn 13.



Provider Type Definitions

Provider Type:	You Will Receive:
FAM	Standard Family 
NQC	Standard Center 
QFM	Enhanced Family 
QEC	Enhanced Center 
RFM	Registered Family 
CFM	Certified Family 
CNT	Certified Center 

 License-Exempt  Licensed With CCLD

Rate Area A

	Standard Family Rate (FAM) Effective 3/1/2026		Standard Center Rate (NQC) Effective 1/1/2026	
	1-157	158-215	1-157	158-215
	Hourly	Monthly	Hourly	Monthly
Infant	\$6.50	\$1,110	\$9.00	\$1,562
Toddler	\$5.90	\$1,020	\$11.00	\$1,490
Preschool	\$5.40	\$930	\$8.25	\$1,173
School	\$5.70	\$840	\$8.00	\$1,189
Special needs	\$6.50	\$1,110	\$9.00	\$1,562

Standard rate maximums (license-exempt)

	Enhanced Family Rate (QFM) Effective 3/1/2026			Enhanced Center Rate (QEC) Effective 1/1/2026		
	1-62	63-135	136-215	1-62	63-135	136-215
	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly
Infant	\$6.86	\$879	\$1,172	\$10.20	\$1,328	\$1,770
Toddler	\$6.22	\$808	\$1,077	\$12.47	\$1,267	\$1,689
Preschool	\$5.70	\$737	\$982	\$9.35	\$997	\$1,329
School	\$6.01	\$665	\$887	\$9.07	\$1,010	\$1,347
Special needs	\$6.86	\$879	\$1,172	\$10.20	\$1,328	\$1,770

Enhanced rate maximums (license-exempt)

	Registered Family Rate (RFM) Effective 1/1/2026			Certified Family Rate (CFM) Effective 1/1/2026			Certified Center Rate (CNT) Effective 1/1/2026		
	1-62	63-135	136-215	1-62	63-135	136-215	1-62	63-135	136-215
	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly
Infant	\$7.22	\$925	\$1,233.33	\$9.33	\$1,373	\$1,831	\$12.00	\$1,562	\$2,083
Toddler	\$6.55	\$850	\$1,133.33	\$8.58	\$1,256	\$1,675	\$14.67	\$1,490	\$1,987
Preschool	\$6.00	\$775	\$1,033.33	\$8.50	\$1,108	\$1,477.33	\$11.00	\$1,172	\$1,563
School	\$6.33	\$700	\$933.33	\$7.67	\$863	\$1,150	\$10.67	\$1,189	\$1,585
Special needs	\$7.22	\$925	\$1,233.33	\$9.33	\$1,373	\$1,831	\$12.00	\$1,562	\$2,083

Licensed rate maximums

ZIP codes for Rate Area A:

Portland, Eugene, Corvallis, Bend, Monmouth and Ashland areas

97003	97004	97005	97006	97007	97008	97009	97010	97013	97014	97015	97019
97022	97023	97024	97027	97028	97030	97031	97034	97035	97036	97041	97045
97051	97055	97056	97060	97062	97064	97068	97070	97078	97080	97086	97089
97106	97109	97112	97113	97116	97119	97123	97124	97125	97132	97133	97135
97140	97149	97201	97202	97203	97204	97205	97206	97209	97210	97211	97212
97213	97214	97215	97216	97217	97218	97219	97220	97221	97222	97223	97224
97225	97227	97229	97230	97231	97232	97233	97236	97239	97242	97258	97266
97267	97268	97286	97292	97330	97331	97333	97339	97351	97361	97371	97376
97401	97402	97403	97404	97405	97408	97454	97455	97477	97478	97482	97520
97525	97701	97702	97703	97707	97708	97709					

Rate Area B

	Standard Family Rate (FAM) Effective 3/1/2026		Standard Center Rate (NQC) Effective 1/1/2026	
	1-157	158-215	1-157	158-215
	Hourly	Monthly	Hourly	Monthly
Infant	\$4.95	\$855	\$6.56	\$1,125
Toddler	\$4.73	\$788	\$4.94	\$994
Preschool	\$4.50	\$750	\$7.13	\$782
School	\$5.40	\$720	\$4.31	\$600
Special needs	\$4.95	\$855	\$6.56	\$1,125

Standard rate maximums (license-exempt)

	Enhanced Family Rate (QFM) Effective 3/1/2026			Enhanced Center Rate (QEC) Effective 1/1/2026		
	1-62	63-135	136-215	1-62	63-135	136-215
	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly
Infant	\$5.23	\$677	\$903	\$7.44	\$956	\$1,275
Toddler	\$4.99	\$623	\$831	\$5.59	\$845	\$1,126
Preschool	\$4.75	\$593	\$791	\$8.08	\$665	\$887
School	\$5.70	\$570	\$760	\$4.48	\$510	\$680
Special needs	\$5.23	\$677	\$903	\$7.44	\$956	\$1,275

Enhanced rate maximums (license-exempt)

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	1-62	63-135	136-215	1-62	63-135	136-215	1-62	63-135	136-215
	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly	Hourly	Part-time	Monthly
Infant	\$5.50	\$713	\$950	\$6.00	\$956	\$1,275	\$7.75	\$1,125	\$1,500
Toddler	\$5.25	\$656	\$875	\$5.50	\$833	\$1,110	\$6.58	\$994	\$1,325
Preschool	\$5.00	\$625	\$833	\$6.00	\$788	\$1,050	\$9.50	\$782	\$1,043
School	\$6.00	\$600	\$800	\$5.83	\$675	\$900	\$5.75	\$600	\$800
Special needs	\$5.50	\$713	\$950	\$6.00	\$956	\$1,275	\$7.75	\$1,125	\$1,500

Licensed rate maximums

ZIP codes for Rate Area B:

Salem, Medford, Roseburg, Brookings and areas outside the metropolitan areas in Eugene and Portland

97002	97011	97016	97017	97018	97038	97042	97044	97048	97049	97053	97058
97067	97071	97103	97107	97108	97110	97111	97114	97115	97117	97118	97121
97122	97127	97128	97131	97134	97138	97141	97143	97146	97148	97301	97302
97303	97304	97305	97306	97307	97309	97310	97317	97321	97322	97325	97326
97327	97328	97336	97338	97341	97343	97344	97348	97352	97353	97355	97357
97362	97365	97366	97367	97370	97372	97374	97377	97378	97380	97381	97383
97385	97386	97389	97391	97392	97394	97415	97420	97423	97424	97426	97431
97444	97446	97448	97452	97456	97457	97459	97465	97470	97471	97479	97487
97489	97501	97502	97503	97504	97524	97534	97535	97756	97759	97760	97801
97812	97813										

Rate Area C

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Licensed rate maximums

ZIP codes for Rate Area C:

Balance of state, other state ZIPS

97001	97020	97021	97026	97029	97032	97033	97037	97039	97040	97050	97054
97057	97063	97065	97101	97102	97130	97136	97137	97144	97145	97147	97324
97329	97335	97342	97345	97346	97347	97350	97358	97359	97360	97364	97368
97369	97375	97384	97388	97390	97396	97406	97407	97409	97410	97411	97412
97413	97414	97416	97417	97419	97425	97427	97428	97429	97430	97432	97433
97434	97435	97436	97437	97438	97439	97441	97442	97443	97447	97449	97450
97451	97453	97458	97460	97461	97462	97463	97464	97466	97467	97468	97469
97472	97473	97476	97480	97481	97484	97486	97488	97490	97491	97492	97493
97494	97495	97496	97497	97498	97499	97522	97523	97526	97527	97530	97531
97532	97533	97536	97537	97538	97539	97540	97541	97543	97544	97601	97603
97604	97620	97621	97622	97623	97624	97625	97626	97627	97630	97632	97633
97634	97635	97636	97637	97638	97639	97640	97641	97710	97711	97712	97720
97721	97722	97730	97731	97732	97733	97734	97735	97736	97737	97738	97739
97740	97741	97742	97750	97751	97752	97753	97754	97758	97761	97810	97814
97817	97818	97819	97820	97821	97822	97823	97824	97825	97826	97827	97828
97830	97831	97833	97834	97835	97836	97837	97838	97839	97840	97841	97842
97843	97844	97845	97846	97848	97850	97856	97857	97859	97861	97862	97864
97865	97867	97868	97869	97870	97871	97872	97873	97874	97875	97876	97877
97880	97882	97883	97884	97885	97886	97901	97902	97903	97904	97905	97906
97907	97908	97909	97910	97911	97913	97914	97918	97919	97920		

Enhanced Rates

The enhanced rate is a higher payment rate for license-exempt ERDC providers. They are eligible to receive an enhanced rate if they are enrolled in the Oregon Registry. Providers can enroll in the Oregon Registry by creating an account and completing required trainings. These trainings are tracked in the provider's account. My Oregon Registry Online (myORO) is a professional development platform for early childhood professionals, including child care providers.

To qualify for the enhanced rate:

- Complete the required trainings:
 - Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (RRCAN)
 - Intro to Child Care Health & Safety (ICCHS)
 - Infant and Child CPR and First Aid
 - Oregon Food Handler certification
- Create an account on myORO and submit proof of completed trainings at <https://my.oregonregistryonline.org>
- Fill out an Enhanced Rate Program application: www.pdx.edu/education-career-development/oregon-registry-educators.

Additional payment for ERDC payments that are processed late

As of January 1, 2024, ERDC pays an additional 9% for payments that is processed late. A payment is considered late under the following conditions:

- **For Home-Based Providers:** A payment is considered late when a legible and complete billing form is processed more than four business days after it was received by the Direct Pay Unit (DPU).
- **For Center-Based Providers:** A payment is considered late when a legible and complete billing form is processed more than seven business days after it was received by DPU.

If you believe you meet the above criteria, you may submit a request using the form found on the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) website: <https://www.oregon.gov/delc/providers/pages/erdc-providers.aspx>

Requests must be made within 30 days of receiving the payment. Once the request has been reviewed, DPU will determine if a payment was issued late and the additional payment can be made. Payment will be made in the same manner as the provider receives their regular ERDC payments, by check or direct deposit.

As of **November 2024**, there are now three options for submitting the request, and an attestation has been added to the 9% Additional Payment request form to indicate who is completing the form.

Options:

- Providers may request the additional payment for themselves
- Providers may request support from DPU to submit the additional payment request
 - DPU: 1-800-699-9074 or customerservice.dpu@delc.oregon.gov
- Licensed Family child care providers (Certified Family or Registered Family providers) may request support from their Union to submit the additional payment request.
 - If you are a licensed family child care provider, and have questions about your Union rights related to the Additional 9% Payment, including the right to have the Union submit the claim on your behalf, to file a grievance, or your Union right to grieve if your claim for Additional 9% Payment is denied, you may contact your Union representatives at oregonccpt132.stewards@gmail.com.

You are entitled to language assistance services and other accommodations at no cost. If you need help in your language or other accommodations, please contact DELC at 503-947-1400.