

# Market Fee Threshold and Operational Funding

The Market Fee Threshold (MFT) provides the limits allowed for fee increases for designated facilities, providing greater consistency across the province in the management of childcare fees. This Market Fee Threshold is the maximum daily cost of services provided for an infant or preschool child at a designated facility.

The Market Fee Threshold sets a provincial fee grid within which early learning and childcare operators can manage their fees, however, if current daily costs of services are at or above the Market Fee Threshold, fee increases are not permitted.

The Market Fee Threshold was set in December 2017 based on the childcare fees charged to parents at the time. The Market Fee Threshold has been updated following a review in 2023 and sector consultations. Below is the new Market Fee Threshold effective April 1, 2024:

		Infant	Two-year-old	Preschool
Large Urban	Full Day	\$46.20	\$41.06	\$39.16
	Part Day	\$34.68	\$30.76	\$29.42
Small Urban & Rural	Full Day	\$41.51	\$36.47	\$35.01
	Part Day	\$31.10	\$27.41	\$26.29

Operators of designated facilities must not charge parents more than the daily fees set out in the Standard Parent Fee Grid. For more information please visit: [Information for families \(gnb.ca\)](https://www.gnb.ca)

## What is the Operational Funding?

Operational Funding is on-going funding designed to support operators to offset the costs associated with meeting the additional requirements of the designation program to continue to improve quality services to families who benefit from the services provided by designated early learning facilities. Part of the funding will help designated early learning facilities to offer and maintain infant spaces.

All designated facilities will be eligible to receive an operating grant of:

- \$3.00 per enrolled preschool space per day
- \$15.00 per enrolled infant space per day

## For more information

If you have questions or need help, you can contact us Monday to Friday between 8:15 am and 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

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