

Municipality of Cham



Childcare credits

for use at [daycare centres](#)



A brief explanation of the main facts

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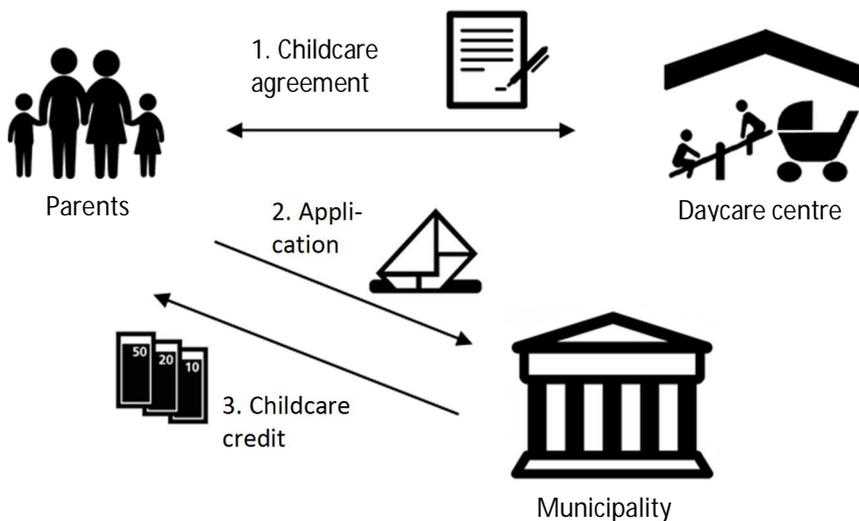
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Credits for supplementary childcare at daycare centres (*Kindertagesstätten* or *Kitas*) in the canton of Zug are available to parents who live in Cham. The main aim of childcare credits is to make it easier for parents to pursue a career and have a family at the same time.

What are childcare credits for daycare centres?

Childcare credits are a monetary contribution made by the municipality of Cham that allow use of supplementary childcare at a reduced rate. Childcare credits give parents considerable freedom in their choice of daycare centre. The amount of the childcare credits per day depends on parents' income and assets. Employment workload is also factored in when calculating the number of childcare credits issued per week.

How do I go about applying for childcare credits?



1. Secure a place for your child at a childcare centre of your choice in the canton of Zug. You will find a list of all facilities in the region at www.kinderbetreuung-zug.ch. The list of approved daycare centres is available at www.cham.ch/betreuungsgutscheine. Then conclude a childcare agreement with the daycare centre. Get the daycare centre to confirm the childcare place for your child on the relevant form published by the municipality.

2. Send the completed application form along with the place confirmation and your latest tax assessment to *Einwohnergemeinde Cham, Soziales und Gesundheit, Postfach 265, 6330 Cham 1*. The municipality checks the details you have submitted and calculates your entitlement to childcare credits.
3. The municipality informs you in writing of the number/amount of childcare credits you will receive and pays the relevant amount into your bank account every month. Generally speaking, the municipality pays in advance. The daycare centre issues you with a monthly invoice for the childcare place and you pay the invoice.

Am I entitled to childcare credits for daycare centres?

As a parent you are entitled to childcare credits for daycare centres providing you meet the following requirements:

- You are resident in the municipality of Cham.
- Your child is over than three months of age and has not yet entered kindergarten (nursery school)*. An approved childcare place is available for your child.
- The definitive annual income of your entire household is less than CHF 90,000.00. This is calculated from your taxable income plus 10% of your taxable assets over CHF 300,000.00. In addition, all contributions to the restricted private pension plan (pillar 3a) and the occupational pension scheme (pillar 2) are taken into account.
- You are in paid employment (or equivalent, such as initial or further training). The workload is:
 - at least 120% in total in the case of two parents/guardians or
 - at least 120% in total in the case of a single parent/guardian cohabiting with a partner on an established basis or
 - at least 20% in the case of a single parent/guardian

** Under certain conditions you may be entitled to childcare credits even if your child already goes to kindergarten. For details, please contact the Social Affairs and Health Department directly on 041 723 88 00.*

What happens if my income, my workload or my childcare relationship changes?

You are required to report any changes in your income, workload or childcare relationship to the Social Affairs and Health Department within ten days since this information is relevant in terms of your entitlement to childcare credits.

How is my entitlement to childcare credits calculated?

The number/amount of childcare credits you receive is based on your definitive income. The lower your income, the higher the credit. A calculator is provided at www.cham.ch/betreuungsgutscheine: you can use this to provisionally calculate the amount of credit you are entitled to.

The number of childcare credits per week is based on your workload*: you are issued childcare credits for those days on which you work and your child is in childcare. Example: A single parent working two days a week is entitled to two childcare credits per week. If this parent puts their child into childcare on days when they are not working, they do not receive childcare credits for these days.

You yourself have to pay the difference between the credit and the cost charged by the daycare centre. Your minimum cost contribution is CHF 15.00 per day of childcare.

** There are exceptions to this rule. There are also activities which are regarded as an equivalent to paid employment. For details, please contact the Social Affairs and Health Department directly on 041 723 88 00.*

Where can I redeem childcare credits?

You can redeem credits at all approved daycare centres (*Kindertagesstätten* or *Kitas*) in the canton of Zug. Approved daycare centres are listed at www.cham.ch/betreuungsgutscheine. Please contact the Social Affairs and Health Department on 041 723 88 00 if a daycare centre does not appear on the list.

Further information:

The web page www.cham.ch/betreuungsgutscheine provides detailed information, a list of approved childcare facilities and the necessary forms. Should you have any questions, we will be more than happy to help: please call 041 723 88 00 or write an e-mail to sozialesundgesundheit@cham.ch.

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