

Childcare credits

for use at play groups



A brief explanation of the main facts

Credits for supplementary childcare in play groups are available to parents who live in Cham. The main aim of childcare credits for play groups is to promote early education.

What are childcare credits for play groups?

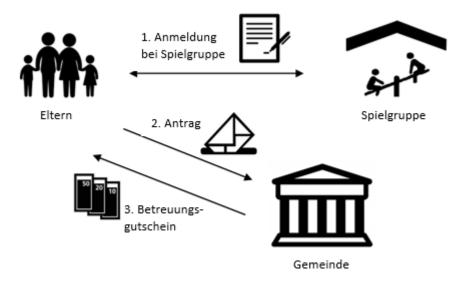
Childcare credits are a monetary contribution made by the municipality of Cham that allow use of supplementary childcare at a reduced rate. The amount of the childcare credits per day depends on parents' income and assets.

Am I entitled to credits for play groups?

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

- You are resident in the municipality of Cham.
- Your child is at play group age.
- An approved childcare place is available for your child.
- The definitive annual income of your entire household is less than CHF 70,000. (This is calculated from your taxable income plus 10% of your taxable assets over CHF 300,000. In addition, all contributions to the restricted private pension plan (pillar 3a) and the occupational pension scheme (pillar 2) are taken into account.)

How do I go about applying for childcare credits?



- 1. Look for a play group of your choice in the municipality of Cham. The list of approved play groups is available at <u>www.cham.ch/betreuungsgutscheine</u>. Then conclude a childcare agreement with the play group. Get the play group 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, 6330 Cham.
- **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. The play group issues you with a monthly invoice and you pay the invoice.

What happens if my income or my childcare relationship changes?

You are required to report any changes in your income 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.

You yourself have to pay the difference between the credit and the cost charged by the play group. Your minimum cost contribution is CHF 50 per six months.

Further information:

The web page <u>www.cham.ch/betreuungsgutscheine</u> provides detailed information and the necessary forms.

Should you have any questions, we will be more than happy to help: **Soziales und Gesundheit**, Mandelhof, 6330 Cham **T 041 723 88 00** oder <u>sg@cham.ch</u>