

Preschool fees to fall to S$150 a month for childcare and S$300 for infant care, with more childcare leave on the way

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Preschool bills and leave days are where most working parents feel the pinch, and the Government has now put numbers on both. Childcare leave and preschool fees are being overhauled under the measures announced at National Day Rally 2026, which Made For Families has summarised in one place. Government-supported full-day fees are heading to S$150 a month for childcare and S$300 for infant care by 2030.

Some dates are fixed and some are not, so here is what is confirmed and what is still pending.

Childcare leave: up to 12 days per parent

The current Childcare Leave and Extended Childcare Leave schemes will merge into one scheme for working parents with children aged 12 and below. Today, a parent whose youngest Singapore Citizen child is 6 or below gets 6 days a year, while a parent whose youngest is 7 to 12 gets 2 days.

Under the new scheme, entitlement depends on how many children you have aged 12 and below:

- 1 child: 8 days per working parent, 16 days for both parents combined
- 2 children: 10 days per working parent, 20 days combined
- 3 or more children: 12 days per working parent (capped), 24 days combined

The Government will also pay for all child-related leave going forward, up to the reimbursement limit, for all birth orders. That covers government-paid maternity, adoption, paternity and shared parental leave as well as childcare leave, and it applies to eligible self-employed persons too. The start date has not been announced.


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Enhanced childcare leave, financial, preschool and housing supp
Announced at National Day Rally 2026
MORE CHILDCARE LEAVE (C
Number of Children aged 12 years and below
CCL Days Per Working Parent Per Year
1 child
8 days
2 children
10 days
3 or more children
12 days
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This is an increase from 6 days (youngest child aged 0–6) and 2
All child-related leave will be fully paid for by the Government goi
MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Every eligible Singapore Citizen child will receive around $70,000 of direct financial support from birth to age 17, regardless of birth order.
SG Child Support Package*
Baby Gift (at birth, in 2 tranches)
$10,000
Child Credits (ages 1-16)
$32,000 ($2,000/year)
Child Development Account (CDA): First Step Grant + Government co-matching
Up to $10,000
Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) top-up at age 17
$10,000
MediSave Grant for Newborns
$5,000
Annual Edusave contributions across primary and secondary school
About $2,500
*This will replace the Baby Bonus Scheme and Large Families Scheme
MORE HELP FOR LARGER FAMILIES
(three or more children)

Source: Made For Families, Government of Singapore

Preschool fees: S$150 and S$300 a month, phased in from 2028

For Government-supported preschools, full-day childcare fees before means-testing will be reduced to S$150 a month, and infant care to S$300 a month. Made For Families says that is less than half of todayâ??s levels.

The cuts roll out progressively from 2028, with the target levels reached by 2030. Full childcare and infant care subsidies will also be extended to families with Singapore Citizen children regardless of the main applicantâ??s working status. The Government plans more Government-supported operators and a larger infant educator workforce, with implementation details due in early 2027.

If you are choosing a centre now, our guide to the ECDA parent-preschool partnership checklist covers what to ask teachers.

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More cash and a housing boost

The SG Child Support Package replaces the Baby Bonus and Large Families schemes, with up to S$62,000 per Singapore Citizen child from birth to 17. The S$5,000 MediSave Grant for Newborns and annual Edusave contributions (about S$2,500 in total) continue, bringing direct support to around S$70,000 per child. We have a separate walkthrough of the SG Child Support Package, including the PayNow step.

On housing, first-timer families with or expecting children get one extra ballot chance for each Singapore Citizen child aged 18 and below. This starts from the February 2027 sales exercise and applies to all BTO and Sale of Balance Flats applications.



Source: Made For Families, Government of Singapore

What is still to come for large families

Families with three or more children keep the S$5,000 Large Family MediSave Grant, and the Government is studying how to extend it to existing large families who have not received it. The Ministry of Transport will provide additional help with transport costs, and the Ministry of National Development is studying more housing support. No start dates have been given for these.

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Source: Made For Families, Government of Singapore

What to do now about childcare leave and preschool fees

- Note that the leave and fee changes have no start dates yet, apart from fees phasing in from 2028 and the ballot boost from February 2027
- Keep an eye out for details in early 2027, when preschool implementation is due
- Ask your HR team how your company will handle the merged childcare leave scheme once dates are announced
- If you are applying for a BTO in February 2027, check the HDB website for the extra ballot chance

These are the first recommendations from the Marriage and Parenthood Reset Workgroup, which will publish a fuller set in early 2027. With the school holidays under way, you may also want our year-end school holiday dates to plan leave.

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