

Auspice prioritization under the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreements

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This short document contains excerpts of the language used in each of the 13 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreements 2021-2026 related to prioritization of auspice for new child care spaces.

Each jurisdiction’s agreement can be found here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories.html>

Table 1: Language used in the vision section of each jurisdiction’s CWELCC agreement related to prioritization of auspice for new child care spaces

Province/territory	Language used	Section of CWELCC agreement
Newfoundland and Labrador	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care providers”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
Nova Scotia	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care providers”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
New Brunswick	“...predominantly through not-for-profit and family child care homes”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
PEI	“...federal funding will be used predominantly to support not-for-profit, public early learning and child care providers/operations, as well as family home child care”	2.1.1 Objectives (this section is a bit clearer than PEI’s section 1.0 where the somewhat more ambiguous term “publicly managed” is used)
Quebec	N/A	
Ontario	“...predominately through not-for-profit licensed child care providers as outlined in section 2.1.1 (includes public)”	1.1 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
Manitoba	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care and home-based child care providers”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
Saskatchewan	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care, and family home-based child care providers”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
Alberta	“...primarily through not-for-profit, public and	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early

	family-home based child care providers, but not to the exclusion of for profit providers”	learning and child care
BC	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care providers”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
Yukon	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care and family child care providers”	1.0 Vision for early learning and child care
NWT	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care providers”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care
Nunavut	“...primarily through not-for-profit and public child care providers”	1.0 Vision for Canada-wide early learning and child care

As can be seen from Table 1:

- not-for-profit and public child care spaces are prioritized in all provinces and territories
- home-based/family providers are *a/so* prioritized in 6 provinces and territories