

**What is the Canada-New Brunswick Early Learning and Child Care Agreement?**

In 2021, this government made history when we signed the Canada-New Brunswick Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. This is a joint investment by the federal and provincial governments of \$544 million over five years which aims to increase access to affordable, inclusive, quality child care for all New Brunswickers.

**What is a moratorium?**

A moratorium is a legal term that grants the legal authority to temporarily suspend an obligation. In this instance, it is a moratorium to suspend the issuance of designated status of licences for new applicants.

The moratorium for the designation program will be in effect immediately until October 31, 2022.

The moratorium does not include the provision of licences for operators who wish to become licensed, however, it does suspend the approval for new designation of New Brunswick Early Learning Centres and Homes and the associated funding.

**Why GNB is using a moratorium on the creation of spaces?**

The moratorium will allow for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to engage parents and stakeholders to identify the needs for preschool childcare for families in New Brunswick.

The consultation results will inform the Space Creation Strategy. The Space Creation Strategy will ensure that the new funded spaces will respond to the needs of parents and therefore fulfill all the requirements outlined in the Canada-New Brunswick Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement for the creation of new spaces and supporting diverse populations and vulnerable children in accessing affordably quality childcare.

While there is a moratorium in accepting new licences in the designation program and the related funding, it does not prevent operators in obtaining a licence to operate an early learning and childcare facility.

**The government knows there is a shortage of childcare spaces, so why wait to create new spaces?**

In the existing designated facilities in New Brunswick, there are approximately 2000 vacant spaces. We invite you to contact the child care centres in your community for information or visit the Parent Portal: <https://www.nbed.nb.ca/parentportal/en/>.

The Government of New Brunswick wants to ensure that families can access affordable and quality designated Early Learning facilities across the province.

It is therefore very important for the Government of New Brunswick that families are able to express their needs and the barriers they face in finding childcare for their children.

## **PARENTS/PUBLIC**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS/QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES**

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### **I would like to receive or provide information of my childcare needs as a parent, where can I do this?**

Consultation sessions with parents and key stakeholders will occur during the next months. Surveys and focus groups will be held during the months of May and June to gather families' needs around childcare. We invite you to be an active participant.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created a new web site: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/investing-in-early-learning-and-child-care.html> where you will find all relevant information on the Canada-New Brunswick Agreements. Calendar of engagement can be found in the section "[Get Involved](#)." Engagement and information sessions with parents, operators and stakeholders will be planned during the next months.

### **Will this make a difference to my child care costs?**

Parents with children 0–5 years of age, prior to school entry enrolled in a designated facility will be eligible for the designated facility rates.

### **Where can I find the list of Designated Early Learning and Childcare facilities?**

You can access to the list of designated facilities through the Parent Portal or the Department Website.