

# ***ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 20 HOURS ECE CARE***

JeMMA's is proud to be able to provide 20 Hours ECE for all 3 and 4 year old children under a Government Initiative. Below we answer some frequently asked questions about this care:

➤ *Who will be eligible for 20 Hours ECE at JeMMA's?*

All 3 and 4 year olds as well as 5 year olds with a 'transition to school plan' will be eligible for up to 6 hours ECE per day and 20 hours ECE per week. The daily and weekly limits include hours already used at another ECE provider, such as kindergarten or preschool. The Ministry of Education requires all parents/caregivers to complete an Attestation Form BEFORE any ECE hours are received.

➤ *Is there an optional charge?*

Yes – A charge of \$15.00 per week per child to subsidise JeMMA's literacy programme, playgroup or excursions and the toy and equipment library.

➤ *How do I apply for the 20 Hours ECE?*

Complete an Attestation Form and give it to your Educarer or post to your nearest JeMMA's office. Please ensure that JeMMA's receives the Attestation Form before the ECE care is required as it cannot be backdated.

➤ *Where do I get an Attestation Form from?*

These are available from your educarer or any JeMMA's office.

➤ *Why do I have to complete an Attestation Form as well as an enrolment form?*

The Attestation Form is a requirement of the Ministry of Education. It is a legal agreement that you as parent/caregiver enter into with the Ministry of Education. In this agreement you are declaring that your child is not receiving more 20 ECE hours than you are entitled. If this form is not completed, JeMMA's is not allowed to offer 20 ECE hours. If your child attends more than one ECE provider, you must complete an Attestation Form at each provider. It is parents/caregivers responsibility to ensure you do not claim more than the 6 hours per day or 20 hours per week 20 ECE at all ECE providers. Failure to ensure accuracy of information on these forms could result in the Ministry of Education claiming funding back from parents/caregivers or in cases of fraud, pressing charges against parents/caregivers under the Crimes Act.

➤ *Will Work and Income subsidies still be available?*

Yes, Work and Income subsidies will be available to eligible families for any hours that are not covered by 20 ECE hours. For example, a child attending 24 hours per week could receive 20 hours ECE and a 4 hour Work and Income subsidy.

➤ *What happens to my fees if my child is not eligible for 20 Hours ECE?*

If your child is not eligible for 20 Hours ECE, then their fees will be the same as they are now.