

March 18, 2026

RE: 2026 CWELCC allocation updates and important reminders

Dear child care provider,

We are writing to update you on the upcoming [April](#) CWELCC allocation updates, our planned CWELCC allocation [summer](#) updates, the [2026 Operating Budget Template](#) and other important [reminders](#).

April CWELCC funding updates

In April, we will update your 2026 CWELCC allocations. The update will include:

- Higher 2026 provincial benchmarks which may increase your amount in lieu of profit/surplus.
- Changes to your primary licensed capacity if this applies to your site.
- Significant and stable changes to your operating capacity that last for at least three months. For this update, we are looking at stable changes from October to December 2025.
- A lower vacancy allowance that goes from 10% in 2025 to 5% in 2026. This affects your base fee revenue offset, which appears as a negative amount in [GovGrants](#).

Check your updated allocation

Starting tomorrow, you can view your updated CWELCC allocation amount in [GovGrants](#).

If you operate more than one site in Peel Region, you will receive a site-by-site CWELCC allocation breakdown in [GovGrants](#) later in the spring.

Upcoming updates

In the summer, we will update CWELCC allocations for sites that have a change in capacity or qualify for a rolling top-up.

Updates due to licensed or operating capacity

If your site's licensed or operating capacity changes, we will aim to update your funding as follows:

Data reported	We will aim to update your funding in...
January to March 2026	Summer 2026
April to June 2026	Fall 2026
July to September 2026	As needed
October to December 2026	Spring 2027

Operating capacity changes: We update your CWELCC allocation only when the change is significant and stable (consistent over a few months).

Rolling top-up

In 2026, the rolling top-up replaces both your 2025 legacy and growth top-ups (if you received them). We are working on an implementation approach and will share more details in May.

Use the new 2026 CWELCC Operating Budget Template

We attached the new 2026 CWELCC Operating Budget Template for single site child care providers. The template supports your financial planning and follows the 2026 CWELCC funding rules.

It helps you:

- Track your revenue and expenses.
- Stay within your program cost allocation so you do not overspend.
- Plan for potential recoveries if you spend less than expected or earn more base-fee revenue than expected.

To learn how to use this template, watch our YouTube [video tutorial](#).

If you operate more than one site in Peel Region, stay tuned. We will share a multi-site template in the next few weeks.

Submit your AFS, FAIR, and CWELCC reconciliation by April 30, 2026

In 2026, both the CWELCC reconciliation and the ministry's Standardized Financial Report are part of your FAIR and audited financial statements (AFS) submission.

By **Thursday, April 30, 2026**, you must submit your complete:

1. AFS and FAIR. Please note that:
 - Your AFS and FAIR must follow Peel Region's Accounting and Note Disclosure Guideline and FAIR Guideline.
 - You must email the full package to earlyyearssystemdivision@peelregion.ca.
2. 2025 CWELCC Reconciliation in [GovGrants](#).

If you miss the deadline

If you miss the **April 30** deadline or do not send a complete package:

- You cannot apply for 2026 One-Time Emergency Funding (OTEF).
- We will apply progressive funding holds and other non-compliance sanctions.
- We cannot calculate your rolling top-up (if you qualify for one) until we receive and **approve** your 2025 CWELCC reconciliation.

CWELCC reconciliation teleconference

We will host a 2025 CWELCC reconciliation teleconference later this month to support you with information about the reconciliation process. Invitations will follow shortly.

Questions

If you have questions, email us at EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca.

Thank you for supporting children and families in Peel.

Sincerely,

Early Years and Child Care Services

Peel Region