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Denmark	Child care: Ministry of Families and Consumer Affairs	Decentralized	Municipal	0-6 in home care and integrated centres for 0-6 years	Fee based, for working parents	Public 85%/ Private 15%. Home child care providers are municipal employees	ECEs (2 yr diploma)	Laereplaner Ages 0-6	98% 1-6 years	7
			School Authorities	Kindergarten 3-6 years	Entitlement 3-6 years	Schools/ child care centres	Pedagogue: Kindergarten and CC supervisors (3-5 yr degree)			
Norway	Ministry of Children and Family Affairs	Decentralized	Municipal	0-6	Fee based for working parents	Public 50%/ Private 50%	Program leaders (4 degree yrs)/ ECEs (3 yr diploma)	Framework plan for kindergarten Ages 0-6	1-2 years: 79.8%; children 3-5 years: 96.6%	6
Sweden	Ministry of Education	Decentralized	Municipal	0-5 Age 6 is a transition year to school	Fee based working parents: 3-6 years in immigrant communities entitled to 20 hours/wk	Public 75%/Private 25% Home child care providers are municipal employees	Leaders 4 yr degree / ECEs 2 yr diploma	Läroplan för förskolan Lpfö  Ages 0-6	84 % 1-5 years Swedish origin; 78 % 1-5 years immigrants	7

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France	Ministry of National Education	Centralized	Schools	Ecole Maternelle 3-6 years, 2 years in priority communities	Entitlement 2/3 - 6 yrs.	Public schools	4 yr degree, 100% of staff have qualification	L'école maternelle: un cycle unique, fondamental pour la réussite de tous  2 -6	98%, 3 yr olds, 100% 4-5 yrs	6
	Ministry of Social Affairs	Decentralized	Municipal	Creche centres) & child minders attached to municipal agencies 0-2/3 years	Fee based, no workforce requirements	Municipalities, workplaces, child minders, 15% private	4 yr degree, 40% of staff have qualifications; Child minders 120 hours	Orientations générales pour les crèches 0-2	23%	
Australia	National child care oversight with States and Territories responsible for preschool	Decentralized	Varies, includes State and Municipal oversight	Childcare 0-6 yrs, Preschool/ kindergarten 3-4 yrs, Primary school 5 years	Fee based, child care focused on working parents: Preschools operate for shorter hours	Preschools largely public and non-profit. Child care 66% private	Preprimary teachers 0-8 years (4 degree) ECEs (1-2 yr certificate)	Early Years Learning Framework  0-8	33% 0-2 years; 69% 3 years; 85% 4 years	5 -6 depending on the state

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New Zealand	Ministry of Education	Centralized with some autonomy for Māori and Pacific communities	Monitoring is national	centre-based for 0-5 years; kindergarten 2-5 years; playcentres 0-5 years; home-based 0-5 years; 5 years kindergarten	3-5 yrs, fully subsidised for 20 hours per week, additional hours for this age group and for younger children are fee based	98% private / 2% public provision	ECE (2 years)	Te Whāriki 0-6	41% 0-2 years; 87% 3-4 years; 95% 5 years	6
Italy	Ministry of Education	Centralized As of 2017 Italy began to move 0-3 ECEC into mainstream education. Ministry sets the aims, strategic objectives and provides funding	Local authorities maintain responsibility for ECEC organisation with the involvement of primary schools.	Scuola Materne – 3-6 years; Asilo Nido (Child Care Centers) 0-2 years	Scuola Materne are fully subsidized  Child care fee based work with priority to working, lone mothers	Both child care centres (municipal) and Scuola Materne (schools) are publicly operated. Some church run programs exist but mainly part-time	Educatori – (staff) High school level EY training Educatrici – (program leaders) 3 year degree specialization Pedagogici – 5 year degree for managers	Varies by region, program. A national program framework is in development	95% 3-6 years; 20% 0-2	6