



Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy husaidia na gharama za huduma ya watoto iliyoidhinishwa. Ikiwa unastahili, tutailipa moja kwa moja kwa mtoa huduma wa mtoto wako ili kupunguza ada unayolipa.

Ili kustahiki lazima ukidhi yote ifuatayo:

- kutunza mtoto wa umri wa miaka 13 au chini zaidi ambaye haendi shule ya sekondari, isipokuwa msamaha unatumika
- kutumia huduma ya kutunza watoto iliyoidhinishwa
- kuwajibika kwa kulipa ada ya huduma ya watoto
- kukidhi mahitaji ya makazi na chanjo.

Ili kukidhi mahitaji ya makazi, wewe au mwenzi wako mnapaswa kuishi nchini Australia na kuwa na mmoja ya ifuatayo:

- uraia wa Australia
- viza ya kudumu ya makazi
- viza ya Special Category
- aina fulani ya viza ya muda, kwa mfano, viza ya Partner Provisional au Temporary Protection.

Unaweza pia kukidhi mahitaji ya makazi ikiwa yoyote kati ya yafuatayo yanatumika:

- wewe au mwenzi wako ni mwanafunzi wa nje nchini, na kufadhiliwa na Serikali ya Australia kusoma nchini Australia
- wewe uko hali ngumu au hali maalum inatumika.

Unaweza kusamehewa kwa baadhi ya vigezo hivi katika hali maalum.

Kiasi kile cha Child Care Subsidy unachoweza kupata kinaweza kulingana na yote yafuatayo:

- mapato ya familia yako
- idadi ya watoto katika huduma yako
- kikomo cha juu cha kiwango cha saa kulingana na aina ya huduma ya mtoto iliyoidhinishwa unayotumia na umri wa mtoto wako
- masaa ya shughuli zilizotambuliwa wewe na mwenzi wako mnazofanya.

Mapato ya familia

Tutatumia makadirio ya mapato ya familia yako ili kuhesabu ni kiasi gani cha ada yako ya saa tutakacholipa.

Idadi ya watoto wako utunzaji

Ikiwa una zaidi kuliko mtoto mmoja mwenye umri wa miaka 5 au chini katika utunzaji, na unastahili kwa zaidi kuliko 0% Child Care Subsidy, unaweza kupata Child Care Subsidy ya juu zaidi. Hii itatumika kwa mtoto mmoja au zaidi wa watoto wako.

Ikiwa unastahili:

- mtoto wako mkubwa mwenye umri wa miaka 5 au chini atapata kiwango chako cha kawaida cha kupimwa mapato, ambayo ni asilimia unayostahili kulingana na makadirio ya mapato ya familia yako
- watoto wadogo wowote wanaweza kupata ruzuku ya juu ya 30%, iliyowekwa kwa kiwango cha juu cha 95%.

Watoto wowote wa umri wa miaka 6 na juu wataendelea kupata asilimia yako ya kawaida ya Child Care Subsidy.

Kiwango cha juu zaidi cha Child Care Subsidy hakitumiki kwa vikao vya utunzaji vya In Home Care.

Unaweza kusoma zaidi juu ya hiki kwenye servicessaustralia.gov.au/higherccs

Kikomo cha juu cha saa

Kiasi cha Child Care Subsidy unachoweza kupata kitalingana na aina ya huduma iliyoidhinishwa ya watoto unayotumia, na urmi wa mtoto wako.

Asilimia yako ya Child Care Subsidy itatumika ama kwa ada ya saa unayotozwa na huduma yako ya utunzaji wa mtoto, au kikomo cha juu cha kiwango cha saa ambayo iko chini.

Shughuli zinazotambuliwa:

Unahitaji kufanya shughuli inayotambuliwa ili kupata Child Care Subsidy. Hii inaweza kuwa pamoja na:

- kazi ya kulipwa – ikiwa ni pamoja na likizo, kama vile likizo ya uzazi
- masomo na mafunzo
- kazi isiyolipwa
- kutafuta kazi
- kujitolea
- kujijajiri mwenyewe
- shughuli nyingine kwa msingi-wa-kesi.

Kutakuwa na msamaha kwa wazazi ambao hawawezi kukidhi mahitaji ya kipimo cha shughuli, pamoja na kusaidia ushiriki wa watoto katika shule ya awali.

Saa za shughuli

Ikiwa una mwenzi tutaangalia viwango vyenu vyote vya shughuli. Tutahesabu ni saa ngapi za Child Care Subsidy unazoweza kuzipata kila wiki mbili kwa kutumia kiwango cha chini cha viwango 2 vile vya shughuli.

Kuzuia

Ili kusaidia kupunguza uwezekano wa malipo ya ziada, tutazuia 5% ya Child Care Subsidy yako kila wiki mbili.

Mwishoni mwa kila mwaka wa fedha tutaweka sawa malipo yako. Tutafanya hivyo kwa kulinganisha makadirio ya mapato yako na mapato yako halisi. Hii itahakikisha kuwa umepata kiasi sahihi cha ruzuku.

Ikiwa unapunguza makadirio ya mapato yako unaweza kuwa na malipo ya ziada ambayo utahitaji kulipa. Tutatumia Child Care Subsidy ambayo tulizuia ili kupunguza kiasi unachopaswa kulipa.

Ikiwa unazidisha makadirio ya mapato ya familia yako na hupati Child Care Subsidy ya kutosha, tatalipa kiasi chochote ambacho hakijalipwa moja kwa moja kwako. Hii itajumuisha Child Care Subsidy tuliyozuia.

Unaweza kutofautisha kiasi chako cha kuzuia.

Jinsi ya kudai Child Care Subsidy

Ili kufanya madai mtandaoni unahitaji akaunti ya myGov na akaunti mtandaoni ya Centrelink. Akaunti yako ya myGov lazima iunganishwe na Centrelink.

Ikiwa huna akaunti ya myGov, nenda kwenye **my.gov.au** ili kuanzisha akaunti.

Kwa msaada wa kuanzisha akaunti yako ya myGov, nenda kwa **servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides**

Tumia akaunti yako mtandaoni ya Centrelink katika myGov ili kutoa taarifa yako na nyaraka zozote zinazounga mkono.

Additional Child Care Subsidy

Additional Child Care Subsidy hutoa msaada wa ziada wa familia na ada yao ya utunzaji wa watoto. Lazima ustahili kwa Child Care Subsidy ili kustahili Additional Child Care Subsidy. Kuna aina tofauti ambazo unaweza kuomba:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Grandparent). Hii husaidia na gharama ya utunzaji wa mtoto ikiwa wewe ni bibi au babu au bibi mkubwa au babu mkubwa na utunzaji wa msingi wa mjukuu wako au mjukuu wako mkubwa. Lazima upokee malipo ya msaada wa mapato.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship). Hii inatoa msaada wa muda mfupi na gharama ya utunzaji wa mtoto ikiwa unapata shida ya kifedha ya muda kwa sababu ya hali zilizo nje ya uwezo wako.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Transition to Work). Hii husaidia na gharama ya utunzaji wa mtoto ikiwa unabadilika kutoka kwa malipo ya msaada wa mapato kwa kushiriki katika shughuli za kazi, masomo au mafunzo.

Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) familia na watoto walio katika mazingira hatarishi au wasiojiweza. Mtoa huduma wa watoto wako ataomba kwa niaba yako.

Jinsi ya kuomba kwa Additional Child Care Subsidy

Ili kuomba mtandaoni utahitaji akaunti ya myGov na akaunti mtandaoni ya Centrelink . Akaunti yako ya myGov lazima iunganishwe na Centrelink.

Tumia akaunti yako mtandaoni ya Centrelink kupitia myGov ili kutoa taarifa yako na nyaraka zozote zinazounga mkono.

Kadiria msaada wako wa ada ya utunzaji wa mtoto

Unaweza kutumia tovuti ya Starting Blocks katika Kiingereza ili kuona ni kiasi gani cha msaada wa ada ya utunzaji wa watoto unachoweza kukipata. Nenda kwenye startingblocks.gov.au/fees-estimator

Ikiwa mtoto wako hajakuwepo kutunzwa kwa wiki 26 au zaidi

Kuanzia tarehe 11 Julai 2022, ikiwa mtoto wako ameacha kutumia huduma ya mtoto kwa angalau wiki 26 zinazoendelea, hatastahiki kwa Child Care Subsidy.

Tutatathmini tena familia yako ikiwa mmoja au zaidi ya watoto wako wataacha kutumia huduma ya watoto. Tutaangalia kuona kama watoto wowote wengine ambao bado wanatumia huduma ya watoto wanaweza kupata kiwango cha juu cha ruzuku kuanzia tarehe 11 Julai 2022 na kuendelea.

Ikiwa unaamua kutotumia huduma ya watoto unaweza kutuwasiliana kumaliza ustahiki wako wa Child Care Subsidy.

Ikiwa mtoto wako huanza kuhudhuria utunzaji tena utahitaji kuwasilisha madai mapya kwa Child Care Subsidy.

Kwa habari zaidi

- Piga simu kwa **131 202** kuongea nasi katika lugha yako kuhusu malipo na huduma ya Centrelink.
- Nenda kwa servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage ambapo unaweza kusoma, kusikiliza au kutazama habari katika lugha yako.
- Nenda kwa servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy kwa habari zaidi katika Kiingereza.
- Tembelea kituo cha huduma.

Kumbuka: simu kutoka simu yako ya nyumbani kwenda nambari za '13' kutoka popote nchini Australia zinatozwa kwa kiwango kamili. Kiwango hicho kinaweza kutofautiana kutoka bei ya simu ya mtaa na kinaweza pia kutofautiana na watoa huduma wa simu. Simu kwa nambari za '1800' kutoka simu yako ya nyumbani ni bila malipo. Simu kutoka simu za umma na za mkononi zinaweza kupimwa kwa muda wao na kutozwa kwa kiwango cha juu zaidi.

Kanusho

Habari iliyomo katika chapisho hili linakusudiwa tu kuwa mwongozo kwa malipo na huduma. Ni wajibu wako kuamua ukitaka kuomba kwa malipo na kufanya ombi kuhusiana na hali yako maalum.



Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy helps with the cost of approved child care. If you are eligible, we will pay it directly to your child care provider to reduce the fees you pay.

To be eligible you must meet all of the following:

- care for a child 13 years of age or younger who is not in secondary school, unless an exemption applies
- use an approved child care service
- be responsible for paying the child care fees
- meet residency and immunisation requirements.

To meet the residency requirements, you or your partner must be living in Australia and have one of the following:

- Australian citizenship
- a permanent residence visa
- a Special Category visa
- a certain temporary visa type, for example, a Partner Provisional or Temporary Protection visa.

You may also meet the residency requirements if any of the following apply:

- you or your partner are an overseas student, sponsored by the Australian Government to study in Australia
- you are in hardship or special circumstances apply.

You may be exempt from some of these criteria in specific circumstances.

The amount of Child Care Subsidy you can get may depend on all of the following:

- your family's income
- the number of children in your care
- the hourly rate cap based on the type of approved child care you use and the age of your child
- the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do.

Family income

We will use your family income estimate to work out how much of your hourly fee we will pay.

Number of children in care

If you have more than one child aged 5 or under in care, and are eligible for more than 0% Child Care Subsidy, you may get a higher Child Care Subsidy. This will apply for one or more of your children.

If you are eligible:

- your eldest child aged 5 or under will get your standard income tested rate, which is the percentage you are eligible for based on your family income estimate

- any younger children may get a 30% higher subsidy, capped at a maximum of 95%.

Any children aged 6 and above will continue to get your standard Child Care Subsidy percentage.

The higher Child Care Subsidy rate does not apply to In Home Care sessions of care.

You can read more about this at servicessaustralia.gov.au/higherccs

Hourly rate cap

The amount of Child Care Subsidy you can get will depend on the type of approved child care you use, and the age of your child.

Your Child Care Subsidy percentage will apply to either the hourly fee you are charged by your child care service, or the hourly rate cap whichever is lower.

Recognised activities:

You need to do a recognised activity to get Child Care Subsidy. This can include:

- paid work – including leave, like maternity leave
- study and training
- unpaid work in family business
- looking for work
- volunteering
- self-employment
- other activities on a case-by-case basis.

There will be exemptions for parents who cannot meet the activity test requirements, as well as to support children's participation in preschool.

Hours of activity

If you have a partner we will look at both of your activity levels. We will work out how many hours of Child Care Subsidy you can get each fortnight by using the lower of the 2 activity levels.

Withholding

To help reduce the chance of an overpayment, we will withhold 5% of your Child Care Subsidy each fortnight.

At the end of each financial year we will balance your payments. We will do this by comparing your income estimate to your actual income. This will ensure you got the correct amount of subsidy.

If you underestimate your income you may have an overpayment which you will need to pay back. We will use the Child Care Subsidy we withheld to reduce the amount you have to pay back.

If you overestimate your family income and don't get enough Child Care Subsidy, we will pay any outstanding amount directly to you. This will include the Child Care Subsidy we withheld.

You are able to vary your withholding amount.

How to claim Child Care Subsidy

To make a claim online you need a myGov account and a Centrelink online account. Your myGov account must be linked to Centrelink.

If you do not have a myGov account, go to **my.gov.au** to create one.

For help setting up your myGov account, go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides**

Use your Centrelink online account in myGov to provide your information and any supporting documents.

Additional Child Care Subsidy

Additional Child Care Subsidy offers some families extra help with their child care fees. You must be eligible for Child Care Subsidy to be eligible for Additional Child Care Subsidy. There are different types you can apply for:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Grandparent). This helps with the cost of child care if you are a grandparent or great grandparent with primary care of your grandchild or great grandchild. You must receive an income support payment.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship). This gives short-term help with the cost of child care if you are experiencing temporary financial hardship due to circumstances beyond your control.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Transition to Work). This helps with the cost of child care if you are transitioning from an income support payment by engaging in work, study or training activities.

Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) helps vulnerable or disadvantaged families and children. Your child care provider will apply on your behalf.

How to apply for Additional Child Care Subsidy

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Use your Centrelink online account through myGov to provide your information and any supporting documents.

Estimate your child care fee assistance

You can use the Starting Blocks website in English to see how much child care fee assistance you can get. Go to **startingblocks.gov.au/fees-estimator**

If your child hasn't been at care for 26 weeks or more

From 11 July 2022, if your child has stopped using child care for at least 26 continuous weeks, they will not be eligible for Child Care Subsidy.

We will reassess your family if one or more of your children stop using child care. We will check to see if any other children still using child care can get the higher subsidy rate from 11 July 2022 onwards.

If you decide not to use child care you can contact us to end your child's Child Care Subsidy eligibility.

If your child starts to attend care again you will need to submit a new claim for Child Care Subsidy for that child.

For more information

- Call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services.
- Go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage** where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language.
- Go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy** for more information in English.
- Visit a service centre.

Note: calls from your home phone to '13' numbers from anywhere in Australia are charged at a fixed rate. That rate may vary from the price of a local call and may also vary between telephone service providers. Calls to '1800' numbers from your home phone are free. Calls from public and mobile phones may be timed and charged at a higher rate.

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The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It's your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application with regard to your particular circumstances.