



Budget 2023-24

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Additional Child Care Subsidy – improving access

This measure moves the administration of Additional Child Care Subsidy Child Wellbeing from the Department of Education to Services Australia, starting in October 2023.

Additional Child Care Subsidy Child Wellbeing provides extra fee assistance to support vulnerable or disadvantaged children. This helps to ensure these children can access and remain in early childhood education and care. It seeks to address lower use of these services by vulnerable and disadvantaged families.

Services Australia will be responsible for assessing all Additional Child Care Subsidy Child Wellbeing applications. This includes extending backdated decisions.

This measure is led by the Department of Education. Services Australia has been allocated \$1.2 million for the 2023-24 financial year to support the implementation of this measure. A total of \$2.8 million will fund this measure through to the 2026-27 financial year.

This measure is not subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

This is an administrative change that will not affect families. It will provide efficiencies for child care service providers applying for extra assistance on behalf of families.

When this starts and finishes

This measure will begin in October 2023 and will be ongoing.