



Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy hem i help long saed blong pem jael kea we oli apruvum. Sapos yu mitim kraeteria blong hem, bae mifala i pem stret long jael kea provaeda blong katemdaon ol fi we yu pem.

Blong yu save kasem, yu mas mitim ol kraeteria ia:

- lukaotem wan pikinini we hem i gat 13 yia o andanit long 13 yia mo hem i no stap long sekendri skul, anles i gat wan eksempten blong hem
- yusum wan jael kea sevis we oli apruvum
- yu gat risponsibiliti blong pem ol fi blong jael kea
- yu mitim residensi rikwaemen mo imunaeseses rikwaemen.

Blong mitim ol residensi rikwaemen, yu o patna blong yu i mas liv long Ostrelia mo gat wan long olgeta ia:

- sitisensip blong Ostrelia
- pemanen residens visa
- wan Special Category visa
- wan kaen visa blong sot taem, olsem eksampol: wan Partner Provisional visa o Temporary Protection visa.

Maet yu save mitim ol residensi rikwaemen sapos eni long ol samting ia hem i tru long yu:

- yu wan ovasis studen o patna blong yu hem i wan ovasis studen, we Gavman blong Ostrelia i sponsarem blong stadi long Ostrelia
- yu stap fesem hadtaem o yu gat wan spesel situesen.

Maet oli givim eksempten long yu long sam long ol kraeteria ia dipen long samfala kaen situesen.

Hamis Child Care Subsidy yu save kasem

Amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save kasem hem i dipen long ol samting ia:

- inkam blong famli blong yu
- namba blong ol pikinini we yu lukaotem
- mos hae ret blong haoa we hem i dipen long kaen jael kea we yu yusum mo ej blong pikinini blong yu
- situesen blong famli blong yu mo hamis haoa blong ol aktiviti we yu mo patna blong yu i mekem.

Famli inkam

Bae mifala i lukluk long famli inkam blong yu blong wokemaot amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save kasem. Bae yu nid blong estimetem hamis inkam bae yu risivim long ij faenansol yia blong mifala i save kalkuletem hamis Child Care Subsidy blong pem i go long jael kea sevis.

Amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save kasem maet i jenis sapos inkam blong yu i jenis. Blong mekem sua se yu kasem stret amaon blong Child Care Subsidy yu nid blong jekem mo apdeitem inkam estimet blong yu.

Yu save ridim moa abaotem hemia long servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Withholding (mani we oli holemtaet)

Blong daonem janis blong mifala i pem tumas, bae mifala i holemtaet 5% blong Child Care Subsidy long evri fotnaet (evri tu wik). Yu save jenisim amaon we mifala i holemtaet.

Yu save ridim moa abaotem hemia long servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Balensem

Long en blong faenansol yia mifala i balensem ol peimen blong yu. Bae mifala i komperem inkam estimet we yu bin putum wetem inkam yu bin risivim blong mifala i balensem. Tru long fasin ia bae mifala i mekem sua se yu karem stret amaon blong subsidy.

Sapos inkam estimet blong yu hem i smol bitim inkam we yu risivim, maet i minim se oli bin pem tumas mo yu mas pembak. Bae mifala i yusum ol Child Care Subsidy we mifala i bin holemtaet blong daonem amaon blong yu pembak.

Sapos inkam estimet blong yu hem i hae bitim inkam we yu bin risivim mo oli no bin givim inaf Child Care Subsidy, bae mifala i pem i kambak long yu. Hemia bae i inkludum Child Care Subsidy we oli holemtaet.

Blong moa infomesen abaot Child Care Subsidy balancing long Inglis mo narafala langwis, go long [servicesaustralia/ccsbalancing](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing)

Namba blong ol pikinini we yu lukaotem

Sapos yu lukaotem bitim wan pikinini we hem i gat 5 yia o andanit long 5 yia, maet ret blong Child Care Subsidy blong yu i moa hae blong wan o moa pikinini.

Sapos yu mitim kraeteria blong hem bae:

- fasbon pikinini blong yu we hem i gat 5 yia o andanit long 5 yia bae i karem standad inkam ret blong Child Care Subsidy,
- mo eni smosmol pikinini bae oli save karem wan hae ret blong Child Care Subsidy.

Mos hae amaon we yu save karem blong pikinini ia hem i 95%. Eni pikinini we hem i gat 6 yia i go antap bae i save karem standad pesent blong Child Care Subsidy.

Hae ret blong Child Care Subsidy hem i no blong ol In Home Care sesen blong kea.

Yu save ridim moa abaotem hemia long servicesaustralia.gov.au/higherccs

Mos hae ret blong haoa

Amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save kasem hem i dipen long kaen jael kea we yu yusum mo ej blong pikinini blong yu.

Pesent blong Child Care Subsidy blong yu bae oli didaktem long fi blong haoa we jael kea sevis i jajem yu, o long mos hae ret blong haoa - bae oli tekem hemia we i moa lo.

Activity Test

Ol haoa blong jael kea we oli mekem subsidy long hem we yu save kasem evri fotnaet (evri tu wik) i dipen long situesen blong yu mo ol haoa blong aktiviti we yu mekem. Mifala i kolek hemia wan activity test.

Ol aktiviti we mifala i luksave:

- wok we oli pem - inkludum lif olsem lif blong karem bebi
- stadi mo trening
- wok we oli no pem, long famli bisnis
- taem blong lukaotem wok
- volontia wok
- sapos yu wok blong yu (self-employment)
- narafala aktiviti we bae i dipen nomo.

Sapos yu gat wan patna, bae mifala i jekem ol aktiviti blong yutufala evriwan. Bae mifala i yusum level we hem i lo moa aot long yu mo patna blong yu blong wokemaot hamas haoa blong jael kea subsidy.

Blong mekem sua se yu kasem stret amaon blong Child Care Subsidy, yu nid blong jekem mo apdeitem activity test blong yu sapos i gat eni jenis long yu o patna blong yu.

Blong kasem moa infomesen, go long servicesaustralia.gov.au/your-activity-level-affects-child-care-subsidy

Hao blong klemem Child Care Subsidy

Blong mekem wan klem onlaen yu nidim wan myGov akaon mo wan Centrelink onlaen akaon. myGov akaon blong yu i mas link long Centrelink.

Sapos yu nogat wan myGov akaon, go long my.gov.au blong mekem wan.

Blong kasem help blong setemap wan myGov akaon, go long servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides

Yusum Centrelink onlaen akaon blong yu long myGov blong klemem Child Care Subsidy, mo provaedem eni infomesen mo dokumen blong sapotem.

Additional Child Care Subsidy

Additional Child Care Subsidy hem i blong givim ekstra help long samfala famli long saed blong ol fi blong jael kea. Yu mas mitim kraeteria blong Child Care Subsidy blong mitim kraeteria blong Additional Child Care Subsidy. I gat ol difren kaen we yu save aplae from:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Grandparent). Hem i help blong pem fi blong jael kea sapos yu wan bubu we yu nao men pesen we i lukaotem smol bubu blong yu. Blong kasem hemia, yu mas kasem wan inkam sapot peimen fastaem.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship). Hemia i givim help blong sot taem blong pem fi blong jael kea sapos yu stap fesem hadtaem long saed blong faenans from sam samting we yu no save kontrolem.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Transition to Work). Hemia i givim help blong pem fi blong jael kea sapos yu stap jenis i kamaot long inkam sapot peimen i kam long wan wok, stadi o trening aktiviti.

I gat tu Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) we yu save askem long jael kea sevis blong yu. Hemia i helpem ol famli mo pikinini we oli vanrebol o oli fesem hadtaem. Bae jael kea provaeda blong yu i mas aplae long hemia long bihaf blong yu.

Hao blong aplae long Additional Child Care Subsidy

Blong aplae onlaen yu nidim wan myGov akaon mo wan Centrelink onlaen akaon. myGov akaon blong yu i mas link long Centrelink.

Yusum Centrelink onlaen akaon blong yu tru long myGov blong provaedem ol infomesen blong yu mo eni dokumen blong sapotem.

Estimetem ol jael kea fi asistens

Yu save yusum Child Care Subsidy Calculator blong jekem se hamas ol ret blong Child Care Subsidy long yu mo hamas bae yu pem long jael kea. Go long **startingblocks.gov.au**

Blong kasem moa infomesen

- Go long **servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy** blong moa infomesen long Inglis.
- Go long **servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage** blong ridim, lisen o wajem ol infomesen long langwis blong yu.
- Kolem **131 202** blong toktok long mifala long langwis blong yu long saed blong ol Centrelink peimen mo sevis.
- Visitim wan sevis senta.

Notem: sapos yu kolem ol '13' namba ia long hom fon long eniples long Ostrelia, oli jajem folem wan fiks ret nomo. Ret ia i save jenis folem praes blong lokol kol mo i save jenis dipen long telefon sevis provaeda. Sapos yu kolem ol '1800' namba long hom fon blong yu hem i fri nomo. Sapos yu kol long ol pablik mo mobael fon oli save taemem mo jajem long wan hae ret.

Toksave

Infomesen insaed long pepa ia hem i wan gaed nomo long ol peimen mo sevis. Hem i risponsibiliti blong yu blong disaed sapos yu wantem aplae long wan peimen mo mekem wan aplikesen long saed blong situesen blong yu.



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 below 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.

How much Child Care Subsidy you can get

The amount of Child Care Subsidy you can get depends on all of the below:

- 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
- your family's circumstances and the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do.

Family income

We will use your family income to work out the amount of Child Care Subsidy you can get. You will need to provide an income estimate each financial year so we can calculate how much Child Care Subsidy to pay your child care service.

The amount of Child Care Subsidy you can get may change if your income changes. To make sure you get the right amount of Child Care Subsidy you need to check and update your income estimate.

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

Withholding

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

You can read more about this at servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Balancing

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

If your income estimate is lower than your actual 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 your income estimate is higher than your actual income and you did not get enough Child Care Subsidy, we will pay any outstanding amount directly to you. This will include the Child Care Subsidy we withheld.

For more information about Child Care Subsidy balancing in English and other languages, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing

Number of children in care

If you have more than one child aged 5 or under in care, you may get a higher rate of Child Care Subsidy for one or more of your children.

If you are eligible:

- your eldest child aged 5 or under will get your standard income tested Child Care Subsidy rate,
- any younger children may get a higher rate of Child Care Subsidy.

The most you can get for your higher rate child is 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 servicesaustralia.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.

Activity Test

The hours of subsidised child care you can get each fortnight depends on your circumstances and the hours of recognised activities you do. We call this an activity test.

Recognised activities 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.

If you have a partner, we will look at both of your activity levels. We will use the lower of your or your partner's activity level to work out your hours of subsidised child care.

To make sure you get the right amount of Child Care Subsidy you need to check and update your activity test if your or your partner's circumstances change.

For more information, go to servicessaustralia.gov.au/your-activity-level-affects-child-care-subsidy

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 servicessaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides

Use your Centrelink online account in myGov to claim Child Care Subsidy, 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. To be eligible, you must get 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 in 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.

There is also Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) which you can ask your child care service about. This helps vulnerable or disadvantaged families and children. Your child care provider will need to apply on your behalf.

How to apply for Additional Child Care Subsidy

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

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 Child Care Subsidy Calculator to see what your Child Care Subsidy rates may be and how much you may pay for child care. Go to startingblocks.gov.au

For more information

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

Disclaimer

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.