



Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy save helpem iu for peim olketa selen for luk aftarem pikinini. Sapos fitim, mifala bae sendim selen go lo wan wea givim service lo iu. Lo datfala wei iu no mas pei staka selen lo hem.

For iu fit for kasem diswan, iu mas olsem:

- luk aftarem pikinini wea age blo hem 13 or no kasem wea no go lo secondary skul yet, sapos no eni exemption iu kasem
- iusim service for luk aftarem pikinini wea mifala apruvim
- agree for peim selen for service
- fitim requirement saed lo wei for stap lo kantri and immunisation.

For iu fit for kasem diswan, iu or partner blo iu mas stap lo Australia and mas garerm wanfala blo olketa hia:

- citizen blo Australia
- permanent residence visa
- Special Category visa
- samfala visa for shortfala taem, olsem Partner Provisional or Temporary Protection visa.

Iu fit for karem requirement abaotem wei for stap lo kantri sapos iu wanfala blo olketa hia:

- iu or partner blo iu wanfala student from nara kantri wea govman lo Australia sapotim
- iu kasem wanfala hard taem or spesol samting lo laef.

Lo samfala case samfala requirement wea mifala talem finis mifala bae no tingim.

Amount lo selen wea iu bae kasem from Child Care Subsidy

Amount lo selen wea iu bae kasem from Child Care Subsidy depend lo olketa samting hia olsem:

- selen wea famili blo iu kasem
- iu luk aftarem hao mas pikinini
- hao mas hour iu iusim datfala service depend lo wanem kaen service and age blo pikinini blo iu
- laef blo famili blo iu and wanem iu and partner blo iu duim.

Selen wea famili kasem

Mifala mas savve amount lo selen wea famili blo iu kasem from waka blo iu mekem mifala savve decidem amount lo selen wea iu savve kasem from Child Care Subsidy Iu mas talem mifala abaotem hao mas selen iu kasem insaed wanfala financial year mekem mifala savve calculatem hao mas Child Care Subsidy mifala savve givim lo iu for iu savve peim service for luk aftarem pikinini blo iu.

Sapos amount lo selen wea iu kasem hem change, amount wea iu bae kasem from Child Care Subsidy tu savve change. For mek sure lo amount wea iu kasem from Child Care Subsidy hem fitim, iu mas check and updatem information abaotem amount lo selen wea iu kaem from waka blo iu.

Iu savve read moa abaotem diswan lo servicessaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Selen wea mifala aotem

For mekem mifala no pei tumas, mifala aotem 5% blo Child Care Subsidy evri 2-fala week. Iu savve changem amount wea mifala aotem.

Iu savve read moa abaotem diswan lo servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Balancem pei

Lo end lo evri financial year mifala checkem and adjustim selen wea mifala givim lo iu. Mifal duim diswan lo wei for comparem selen wea iu ting for kasem and selen wea iu really kasem. Diswan mekem iu savve kasem selen for sapotim iu wea amount blo hem fitim.

Sapos selen wea iu ting for kasem from waka blo iu hem smol winim selen wea iu really kasem, maet iu need for givim bak samfala selen. Mifala bae iusim amount blo Child Care Subsidy wea mifala no peim yet mekem amount wea iu mas givim bak hem no tumas.

Sapos selen wea iu ting for kasem from waka blo iu hem big winim selen wea iu really kasem and sapos iu no kasem Child Care Subsidy wea fitim, mifala bae peim amount wea iu no kasem yet. Diswan hem includim Child Care Subsidy wea mifala no peim yet.

For savve gud abaotem Child Care Subsidy balancing lo languis English, go lo [servicesaustralia/ccsbalancing](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing)

Hao mas pikinini iu luk aftarem

Sapos iu luk aftarem 2-fala pikinini or winim, wea age blo hem 5 or no winim, maet iu bae kasem Child Care Subsidy wea hae for 1-fala or 2-fala pikinini blo iu.

Sapos iu fit for kasem diswan:

- pikinini blo iu wea age blo hem 5 or no winim wea olo winim olketa nara pikinini bae kasem standard income wea followim Child Care Subsidy rate,
- olketa nara pikinini wea young winim datfala pikinini savve kasem rate blo Child Care Subsidy wea gud winim narawan.

Rate wea hae winim eni narawan hem 95%. Pikinini wea age blo hem 6 or winim nae gohed for kasem percentage blo standard Child Care Subsidy.

Rate blo Child Care Subsidy wea hae hem no for In Home Care.

Iu savve read moa abaotem diswan lo servicesaustralia.gov.au/higherccs

Limit blo evri hour

Amount blo Child Care Subsidy wea iu savve kasem hem depend lo wanem kaen child care iu iusim and tu age blo pikinin blo iu.

Percentge blo Child Care Subsidy blo iu bae apply lo wanfala blo tufala hia wea low winim narawan, hem amount wea child care service askem iu evri hour or max limit blo evri hour.

Activity Test

Hao mas houe iu savve iusim child care evri 2-fala week hem depend lo laef blo iu and wanem iu duim. Mifala kolek diswan wanfala activity test.

Olketa samting wea iumi savve kolek hem activity hem olsem:

- waka for selen - nomata lo taem for rest olsem taem wea woman rest from waka for bonem baby

- lanem samting and kasem training
- waka for business wea famili blo iu duim bat iu no kasem eni selen
- lukaotem waka
- waka olsem volunteer
- waka seleva
- sapos eni nara waka mifala bae luk lo hem for tingraonem.

Sapos iu garem wanfala partner, mifala bae luk lo olketa waka blo iutufala evriwan duim. Mifala bae iusim level blo waka blo iu or partner blo iu wea low winim narawan for decidem hao mas hour iu savve iusim service blo child care.

For mek sure lo amount wea iu kasem from Child Care Subsidy hem fitim, iu mas check and updatem activity test blo iu sapos laef blo iu or partner blo iu change.

For savve gud abaotem diswan, go lo **servicesaustralia.gov.au/your-activity-level-affects-child-care-subsidy**

Hao for apply for Child Care Subsidy

Sapos iu laek for apply lo online, iu mas garem wanfala myGov account and wanfala Centrelink account lo online. Iu mas linkem myGov account blo iu witim Centrelink.

Sapos iu no garem wanfala myGov account yet, go lo **my.gov.au** for wakem for iu.

For iu kasem help for wakem myGov account blo iu, go lo **servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides**

Iusim Centrelink account lo online lo myGov for apply for Child Care Subsidy, enterem information abaotem iu and sendim kam olketa document wea mifala needim.

Additional Child Care Subsidy

Additional Child Care Subsidy givim samfala extra help lo olketa famili for luk aftarem pikinini blo olketa. For iu fit for kasem Additional Child Care Subsidy, iu mas fit for kasem Child Care Subsidy firstaem. Insaed diswan, olketa difren kaen hem stap:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Grandparent). Diswan helpem iu for luk aftarem pikinini sapos iu wanfala grani or great grani blo hem and iu nao main wan for luk aftarem hem. For iu kamap fit for diwan, iu mas kasem selen for sapotim iu.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship). Diswan helpem iu for luk aftarem pikinini sapos iu kasem wanfala hard taem saed lo selen wea no for olowe bat samting wea iu no savve kontrolem hem kamap lo laef blo iu.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Transition to Work). Diswan helpem iu for luk aftarem pikinini sapos iu gohed for kasem selen for sapotim iu bat tu start for waka, lanem samting or kasem training mekem iu traе for no mas kasem datwan.

And tu, Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) wea iu savve apply for child care service hem stap. Diswan helpem olketa famili and pikinini wea laef blo olketa no isi. For diswan, wanfala wakaman lo child care bae apply for iu.

Hao for apply for Additional Child Care Subsidy

Sapos iu laek for apply lo online, iu mas garem wanfala myGov account and wanfala Centrelink account lo online. Iu mas linkem myGov account blo iu witim Centrelink.

Iusim Centrelink account lo online lo myGov for apply for Child Care Subsidy, enterem information abaotem iu and sendim kam olketa document wea mifala needim.

Lane abaotem hao mas support iu bae kasem

Iu savve iusim Child Care Subsidy Calculator for savve lo rate blo Child Care Subsidy blo iu and hao mas selen maet iu need for peim for child care. Go lo **startingblocks.gov.au**

For savve gud moa

- For savve gud abaotem diswan lo languis English, go lo **servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy**
- Iu save go lo **servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage** for readim, herem and lukim olketa information abaotem diswan lo language blo iu.
- Ringim **131 202** for story witim mifala lo languis blo iu abaotem olketa pei and service blo Centrelink.
- Kam visitim wanfala service centre blo mifala.

Tingim: sapos iu ringim mifala from phone blo iu lo haos lo Australia, and sapos namba hem '13' iu mas pei lo price wea no savve change. Datfala price hem depend lo price blo local call and tu depend lo olketa company blo telephone. Sapos iu iusim phone lo haos and ringim '1800' namba, hem free. Price from pablik and mobile phone savve expensive moa.

Plis tingim

Olketa information wea disfala pablikeson storyim hem for helpem iu for savve lo pei and service nomoa. Hem responsibility blo iu nao for tingraonem laef blo iu and chus for apply.



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 servicessaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy for more information in English.
- Go to servicessaustralia.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.