



Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy e fesoasoani ile tau o le aoga tausí tamaiti ua fa'amaonia. Afai e te agava'a, o le a matou totogia sa'o i lau aoga tausí tamaiti mo le fa'aitiitia ai o le pili e te totogiina.

Mo le agava'a e tatau ona e ausia mea uma nei:

- tausia se tamaititi e 13 tausaga pe la'ititi ma e le'o i le aoga maualuga, se'i vagana ua iai se tu'usaunoaga
- fa'aoga se auaunaga aoga tausí tamaiti ua fa'amaonia
- e nafa ma le totogiina o pili a le aoga tausí tamaiti
- fa'amalie mana'oga mo le nofomau ma tui puipui.

Mo le ausiaina o mana'oga nofomau, e tatau e oe po'o lau paaga ona nofo i Ausetalia ma maua se tasi o mea nei:

- sitiseni Ausetalia
- se visa nofomau
- se Special Category visa
- se ituaiga visa le tumau, mo se fa'ata'ita'iga, se Partner Provisional po'o le Temporary Protection visa.

E mafai fo'i ona e fa'amalieina mana'oga nofomau pe a fa'aoga se tasi o mea o lo'o i lalo:

- o oe po'o lau paaga o lo'o avea ma se tagata a'oga mai fafo, ma o lo'o lagolagoina e le Malo o Ausetalia mo a'oa'oga i totonu o Ausetalia
- o lo'o e i ai i vaitaimi faigata pe fa'atatau i tulaga fa'apitoa.

Atonu e tu'usaunoa oe mai nisi o nei ta'iala i tusa ai ma tulaga patino.

Pe fia le Child Care Subsidy e mafai ona e mauaina

Ole aofa'i ole Child Care Subsidy e mafai ona e mauaina e fuafua i mea uma o lo'o i lalo:

- tupe maua a lou aiga
- le aofa'i o tamaiti o lo'o e tausia
- le itula fa'agata e fa'atatau i le ituaiga tausiga o tamaiti ua fa'amaonia e te fa'aaogaina fa'apea ma tausaga o lau tama
- tulaga o lou aiga ma itula o gaioiga iloga e te faia ma lau paaga.

Tupe maua a le aiga

O le a matou fa'aogaina tupe maua a lou aiga e fuafua iai le aofa'i o le Child Care Subsidy e mafai ona e mauaina. E mana'omia lou tu'uina mai o se fa'atatau o tupe maua i tausaga fa'aletupe ta'itasi ina ia mafai ona matou fa'aopopoina le tele o le Child Care Subsidy e totogi ai lau aoga tausí tama.

Ole aofa'i ole Child Care Subsidy e mafai ona e maua e ono suia pe a suia lau tupe maua. Mo le mautinoaina o le maua mai ole aofa'i sa'o o le Child Care Subsidy e mana'omia le siaki ma fa'afou le fa'atatau o tupe maua.

E mafai ona e faitau atili e uiga i mea nei i le servicessaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Taofi

Mo sina fesoasoani aua le fa'aitiitia ai le avanoa e ova ai le tupe o lo'o totogi atu, matou te taofia le 5% o lau Child Care Subsidy i le ta'iluavaiaaso. E mafai ona e suia le aofaiga o lo'o matou taofia.

E mafai ona e faitau atili e uiga i mea nei i le servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Fa'apaleni

I le fa'aiuga o le tausaga fa'aletupe matou te fa'apaleni atu au tupe totogi. Matou te faia lenei tulaga e ala i le fa'atusatusaina o au tupe maua aga'i i au tupe moni sa maua. O le mea lea ina ia mautinoa ai sa e mauaina le aofa'i sa'o o le fesoasoani.

Afai e la'ititi lau fa'atatauga o tupe maua nai lo lau tupe sa maua ma le mautinoa atonu e ova le tupe sa e mauaina ma e mana'omia ona toe totogi mai. O le a matou fa'aogaina le Child Care Subsidy na matou taofia e fa'aitiitia ai le aofa'i e tatau ona e toe totogi mai.

Afai e maualuga atu lau fa'atusatusaga o tupe maua nai lo lau tupe mautinoa sa maua ma e le'i lava lau Child Care Subsidy sa mauaina, o le a matou totogi atu so'o se tupe e le'i totogia atu. O nei mea e aofia ai le Child Care Subsidy lea o lo'o matou taofia.

Mo nisi fa'amatalaga e uiga i le Child Care Subsidy balancing i le Gagana Fa'aperetania ma nisi gagana, aga'i i le [servicesaustralia/cssbalancing](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/cssbalancing)

Numera o tamaiti o lo'o i totonu o le tausiga

Afai e sili atu ma le to'atasi lau tamaititi e 5 tausaga pe i lalo ifo o lo'o i lalo o lau tausiga, e mafai ona e mauaina se tau maualuga o le Child Care Subsidy mo se tasi pe sili atu o lau fanau.

Afai e te agava'a:

- o lau tama matua e 5 tausaga pe lalo ifo, ole a su'eina lau fua fa'atatau o tupe maua ole Child Care Subsidy,
- so'o se fanau laiti e mafai ona maua se tau maualuga o le Child Care Subsidy.

O le tele e mafai ona e mauaina mo lau tama i le maualuga o le fua fa'atatau e 95%. So'o se tamaiti e 6 tausaga ma luga atu o le a fa'aauau pea ona maua lau pasene masani o le Child Care Subsidy.

O le maualuga o le totogi o le Child Care Subsidy e le fa'aogaina ile In Home Care vasega ole tausiga.

E mafai ona e faitau atili e uiga i mea nei i le servicesaustralia.gov.au/higherccs

Itula fa'agata

Ole aofa'i ole Child Care Subsidy e mafai ona e mauaina e fuafua ile ituaiga aoga tausisi tamaiti ua fa'amaonia e te fa'aogaina ma le matua o lau tama.

O lau pasene ole Child Care Subsidy ole a fa'aoga e totogi ai ta'i itula o le au'aunaga tausisi fanau po'o itula fa'agata, o fea o mea ia e lua e maualalo.

Activity Test

O itula mo le tausiga ole tamaititi e mafai ona e mauaina i le ta'i lua vaiaso e fuafua i lou tulaga ma itula o gaoiga fa'aalia o lo'o e faia. Matou te fa'aigoaina o le activity test.

O gaoiga fa'aalia e mafai ona aofia ai:

- galuega totogi – e aofia ai livi, e pei o aso malolo mo failele

- su'esu'e ma a'oa'oga
- galuega fai fua i pisinisi a le aiga
- sailia o se galuega
- galuega fai fua
- galuega a le tagata lava ia
- isi gaioiga e fa'atatau i lea mataupu ma lea mataupu.

Afai e iai sau paaga, o le a matou va'ava'ai i gaioiga o oulua uma. O le a matou fa'aogaina le vaega pito i lalo o lau gaioiga po'o lau paaga e fa'atino ai itula mo le tausiga o tamaiti.

Ina ia mautinoa e te mauaina le aofa'i sa'o o Child Care Subsidy e mana'omia ona siaki ma fa'afou lau activity test pe a suia lou tulaga po'o le tulaga a lau paaga.

Mo nisi fa'amatalaga, aga'i i le servicesaustralia.gov.au/your-activity-level-affects-child-care-subsidy

Pe fa'apefea ona talosaga mo le Child Care Subsidy

Mo le faia o se talosaga i luga o upega tafailagi e te mana'omia se myGov account ma se Centrelink account iluga o upega tafailagi. O lau myGov account e tatau ona iai se so'otaga ma le Centrelink.

Afai e leai sou myGov account, aga'i i le my.gov.au e fausia ai se tasi.

Mo se fesoasoani ile fa'atuina o lau myGov account, aga'i ile servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides

Fa'aoga lau Centrelink account i luga o upega tafailagi i totonu o le myGov e tapa ai le Child Care Subsidy, ma avatu au fa'amatalaga ma so'o se pepa lagolago.

Additional Child Care Subsidy

Additional Child Care Subsidy e ofoina atu mo nisi o aiga le fesoasoani fa'aopoopo aua pili o le child care. E tatau ona e agava'a mo le Child Care Subsidy ina ia e agava'a mo le Additional Child Care Subsidy. E i ai ituaiga eseese e mafai ona e talosaga mo:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Grandparent). E fesoasoani atu lea i le tau aua le tausiga o le tamaiti pe afai o oe o se matua o matua po'o se matua o matua o matua o lo'o gafa ma le ulua'i tausiga a le tama a lau tama po'o le tama a le tama a lau tama. Mo lou agava'a, e tatau ona maua sau tupe maua lagolago.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship). E maua atu ai le fesoasoani mo sina taimi pu'upu'u i le tau o le tausiga o tamaiti pe afai o lo'o e feagai ma fa'afitauli tau tupe le tumau ona o tulaga e le mafai ona e pulea.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Transition to Work). E fesoasoani lea i le tau o le tausiga o tamaiti pe afai o lo'o e si'itia mai se totogi lagolago o tupe maua e ala i le auai i galuega, su'esu'ega po'o galuega fa'aa'oa'oga.

O lo'o iai fo'i le Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) e mafai ona e fesili atu i le 'au'aunaga tausi tamaiti po'o le a le uiga o lenei auaunaga. E fesoasoani atu i aiga vaivai po'o aiga ma fanau o lo'o fa'aletonu. O lou aoga tausi tamaititi e mana'omia ona talosaga mo oe.

Pe fa'apefea ona talosaga mo le Additional Child Care Subsidy

Mo le talosagaina i luga o upega tafailagi e mana'omia se myGov account ma se Centrelink account i luga o upega tafailagi. O lau myGov account e tatau ona iai le so'otaga i le Centrelink.

Fa'aoga lau Centrelink i luga o upega tafailagi ile myGov mo le tu'uina atu o au fa'amatalaga ma so'o se pepa lagolago.

Fa'atatau le fesoasoani tau tupe i le aoga tausi o lau tama

E mafai ona e fa'aogaina le Child Care Subsidy Calculator po'o le a le tau e ono o'o i ai lau Child Care Subsidy ma pe fia le tupe e te totogia mo le tausiga o tamaiti. Aga'i i le startingblocks.gov.au

Mo nisi faamatalaga

- Aga'i i le servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy mo nisi fa'amatalaga i le Gagana Peretania.
- Aga'i i le servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage e mafai ona e faitau, fa'alogo pe matamata i fa'amatalaga i lau lava gagana.
- Vala'au le **131 202** talanoa mai ia i matou i lau gagana e fa'atatau i totogi ma auauanaga a le Centrelink.
- Asiasi i se nofoaga mo auauanaga.

Fa'aaliga: o telefoni mai lou fale i le numera '13' mai so'o se mea o Ausetalia e totogi i se tau ua fa'atulagaina. O lēna tau e ono suia mai le tau o telefoni fa'alotoifale ma e mafai fo'i ona ese'ese i le va o tautua tau telefoni. O telefoni aga'i le numera '1800' mai lau telefoni i le fale e lē totogia. O telefoni mai tagata lautele po'o telefoni feavea'i e ono tāimtia ma totogi i sē tau maualuga atu.

Disclaimer (Lē mafai ona talosaga ia toe totogi)

O fa'amatalaga i totonu o lenei lomiga ua fuafuaina na'o se ta'iala mo totogi ma auauanaga. O lau matāfaioi, o le filifili lea pe e te mana'o e te talosaga mo sē totogi ma faia sau talosaga, e tusa ai ma lou tulaga fa'apitoa.



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/ccsbalancing](https://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.