



Child Care Subsidy

'Oku tokoni 'a e Child Care Subsidy ki he totongi 'o e tauhi 'o e fanau valevale kuo 'osi fakangofua pe tali. Kapau 'oku ke 'ataa ki ai, te mau totogni hangatonu pe ki he kautaha 'oku nau tauhi 'a e fanau ke fakasi'isi'i 'a e pa'anga 'oku fiema'u ke ke totongi 'e koe.

Ke ke 'ataa ki ai kuo pau ke hoko 'a e ngaahi me'a ni kotoa kiate koe:

- 'oku ke tauhi ha ki'i leka ta'u 13 pe si'i hifo 'a ia 'oku te'eki ke ne hu ki ha kolisi ako ma'olunga, tukukehe pe kapau 'oku 'i ai ha tu'utu'uni makehe ke ta'ofi mei ai
- 'oku ne 'i ha sevesi tauhi fanau valevale 'osi fakangofua
- ko koe pe 'oku ke totongi 'a 'ene totongi tauhi
- ma'u 'a e visa totonu mo tuha pea kakato foki mo e ngaahi huhu malu'i.

Ke ke ma'u 'a e visa totonu mo tuha, ko koe pe ko ho hoa 'oku lolotonga nofo 'i 'Aositelelia pea ke ma'u 'a e taha 'o e ngaahi me'a ni:

- Sitiseni 'Aositelelia
- visa nofo fonua ta'efakangatangata
- ha'o toe visa makehe Special Category
- ha fa'ahinga visa nofo fakataimi, 'o hange, ko ha visa Partner Provisional pe visa Temporary Protection.

Te ke toe ala ma'u pe foki 'a e ngaahi tukunga ko ia 'o e nofo 'o kapau 'oku hoko 'a e ngaahi me'a ko 'eni 'oku ha atu 'i lalo ni:

- ko koe pe ko ho hoa ko ha tokotaha ako mei tu'apule'anga, 'oku siponisa 'e he Pule'anga 'Aositelelia ke ke ako 'i 'Aositelelia ni
- 'oku ke lolotonga fekuki mo ha fa'ahinga faingata'a'ia pe ha fa'ahinga tukunga makehe.

'E lava pe ke 'ikai lau ha ni'ih'i 'o e ngaahi tukunga kiate koe 'i ha ngaahi tukunga makehe 'oku hoko.

Ko e ha 'a e lahi 'o e Child Care Subsidy te ke ala ma'u

Ko e lahi 'o e pa'anga tokoni Child Care Subsidy te ke ala ma'u 'e makatu'unga ia mei he ngaahi me'a 'oku ha atu 'i lalo ni:

- pa'anga humai 'a ho famili
- tokolahi 'o e fanau 'oku ke tauhi
- ko e vahe ma'olunga taha 'o e houa 'e totongi atu 'e tefito ia mei he fa'ahinga kalasi 'o e tauhi'anga fanau 'oku ngaue'aki pea mo hono ta'u motu'a
- ko e ha 'ae tukunga 'o ho famili mo e ngaahi houa ngaue 'oku toka'i 'oku mo ngaue ai 'a koe mo e hoa.

Pa'anga humai 'a e famili

Te mau ngaue'aki 'a e pa'anga humai 'a e famili ki hono fika'i 'o e lahi 'o e tokoni Child Care Subsidy te ke ma'u. 'E fiema'u ke ke 'omai ha 'Esitimet'i 'o ho'omo pa'anga humai 'i he ta'u fakapa'anga kotoa pe ke mau lava ai 'o fika'i 'a e lahi 'o e tokoni Child Care Subsidy 'e totongi ki he sevesi tauhi fanau 'o ho'o leka.

Ko e lahi 'o e pa'anga tokoni Child Care Subsidy te ke ala ma'u 'e malava pe ia ke liliu 'o kapau 'e liliu 'a ho'o pa'anga humai. Ke fakapapau'i 'oku ke ma'u 'a e pa'anga tokoni totonu ki ho'o Child Care Subsidy 'e fiema'u ke ke toutou vakai'i mo fakapapau'i 'oku fakahu ma'u pe 'a e tukunga fakamuimui taha 'a ho'o ngaahi 'esitimeti ki ho'o pa'anga humai.

Te ke lava 'o lau ki ha toe ngaahi fakamatala ki he me'a ni 'i he

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Ta'ofi/Puke

Ke tokoni ke fakasi'isi'i 'a e hoko 'o ha totongi 'ova, te mau ta'ofi/puke ha 5% 'o ho'o totongi Child Care Subsidy 'i he uike 'e ua kotoa pe. Te ke lava pe 'o liliu 'a e lahi 'o e pa'anga ko ia te mau ta'ofi.

Te ke lava 'o lau ki ha toe ngaahi fakamatala ki he me'a ni 'i he

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Fakapalanisi

'I he 'osi ko ia 'o e ta'u fakapa'anga te mau fakapalanisi leva ho'o ngaahi pa'anga ne totongi. 'Oku mau fai 'eni 'aki 'emau fakahoa 'a ho'o. 'Esitimeti 'o ho'o pa'anga hu mai pea mo ho'o pa'anga humai totonu. 'E fakapapau'i heni 'oku ke ma'u 'a e lahi totonu 'o e pa'anga tokoni ne 'oatu.

Kapau 'e ma'ulalo 'a ho'o 'esitimeti 'i hono lahi totonu 'o ho'o pa'anga humai 'oku malava pe ne 'ova atu 'a e pa'anga ne totongi atu 'a ia leva 'e fiema'u ia ke ke toe totongi fakafoki mai. Te mau ngaue'aki leva 'a e pa'anga Child Care Subsidy ko ia ne mau ta'ofi/puke ke totongi fakafoki 'aki pea si'i si'i leva 'a e pa'anga te ke toe ta fakafoki mai.

Kapau leva ne ma'olunga ange 'a ho'o 'esitimeti 'i ho'o pa'anga humai totonu pea ne 'ikai fe'unga 'a e pa'anga Child Care Subsidy, kuo pau ke mau totongi fakafoki atu 'a e lahi ko ia 'o e pa'anga ne totonu ke totongi atu fakahangatonu pe kiate koe. 'E kau 'i heni 'a e pa'anga tokoni Child Care Subsidy ko ia ne mau ta'ofi/puke.

Ki ha toe ngaahi fakamatala lahi ange fekau'aki mo e Child Care Subsidy balancing 'i he lea fakapapalangi mo e ngaahi lea kehe, hu ki he **servicessaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing**

Tokolahi 'o e fanau 'oku tauhi

Kapau 'oku ke ma'u ha fanau tokolahi hake 'i he toko taha pea 'i he ta'u 5 pe si'i hifo 'i ho'o tauhi, 'oku lava pe ke toe lahi ange 'a e vahe 'o e Child Care Subsidy ki ha taha pe toe tokolahi ange 'i he fanau 'oku ke tauhi.

Kapau 'oku ke 'ataa ki ai:

- ko ho'o leka lahi taha 'oku ta'u 5 pe si'i hifo ko ia te ne ma'u 'a e vahenga anga maheni 'o e Child Care Subsidy,
- ka 'oka toe 'i ai ha fanau si'i hifo ai te nau ala ma'u ha vahe Child Care Subsidy ma'olunga ange.

Ko e ma'olunga taha 'o ha vahe tokoni ki ha ki'i leka ko e 95%. Ko e fanau leva ta'u 6 mo lahi hake ai te nau kei ma'u pe 'a e vahe peseti Child Care Subsidy anga maheni.

Ko e vahe Child Care Subsidy ma'olunga ange 'oku 'ikai ke faka'aonga'i ia ki he taimi ko ia 'o ha tauhi 'i he In Home Care.

Te ke lava 'o lau ki ha toe ngaahi fakamatala ki he me'a ni 'i he

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Totongi tokoni lauhoua ma'olunga taha

Ko e lahi 'o e pa'anga tokoni Child Care Subsidy 'oku ke ala ma'u 'e tefito ia mei he kalasi 'o e tauhi fanau 'osi fakangofua ko ia 'oku ke ngaue'aki pea mo e ta'u motu'a 'o ho'o leka.

Ko e peseti ko ia 'o e Child Care Subsidy 'e fika'i mei he pa'anga lauhoua 'oku 'eke'i atu 'e he sevesi tauhi 'o ho'o leka pe ko e totongi lauhoua ma'olunga taha, ko fe pe 'ia naua 'e ma'ulalo taha.

Activity Test

Ko e lahi 'o e ngaahi houa 'e lava 'o tokoni'i ai 'a e totongi tauhi fanau 'o ho'o leka 'i he uike 'e ua 'e tefito ia he tukunga 'o ho famili mo e ngaahi houa ngaue 'oku toka'i 'oku mo ngaue ai 'a koe mo e hoa 'Oku mau ui 'eni ko e activity test.

Ko e ngaahi ngaue'anga 'oku toka'i 'oku kau ai 'a e:

- ngaue 'oku vahe - kau ki ai mo e livi, 'o hange ko e livi fa'ele
- ako pe ako ngaue
- ngaue ta'evahe 'i ha pisinisi fakafamili
- Lolotonga kumi ngaue
- ngaue volenitia
- ngaue-pe-kiate-koe
- ha toe fa'ahinga ngaue pe 'o siofi-taau-taha pe.

Kapau 'oku 'i ai hao hoa, te mau siofi fakatoloua 'a ho'omo ngaahi levolo ngaue 'oku mo fai. Te mau ngaue'aki 'a e levolo ma'ulalo taha 'iate kimoua ke fika'i 'a e houa ko ia 'e totongi ai ha tokoni ki he tauhi 'o e fanau.

Ke fakapapau'i 'oku ke ma'u 'a e tokoni totonu ki ho'o Child Care Subsidy 'e fiema'u ke ke toutou vakai'i mo fakahaa'i 'a tukunga taimi lolotonga ki ho'o activity test 'o ka liliu leva ho tukunga pe ko ho hoa.

Ki ha toe ngaahi fakamatala lahi ange, hu ki he servicesaustralia.gov.au/your-activity-level-affects-child-care-subsidy

Founga 'o hono kole'i 'o ha'o Child Care Subsidy

Ke ke fai ha'o kole 'onilaine 'e fiema'u ke 'i ai ha'o 'akauni myGov pea mo ha'o 'akauni Centrelink 'onilaine. Ko ho'o 'akauni myGov kuo pau ke fakahoko ki he Centrelink.

Kapau 'oku 'ikai 'i ai ha'o 'akauni myGov, 'alu ki he my.gov.au 'o fakaava ha'o 'akauni.

Ke ma'u ha tokoni ki hano fakaava ha'o 'akauni myGov, hu ki he servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides

Ngaue'aki ho'o 'akauni Centrelink 'onilaine 'i ho'o myGov ke kole'i ai 'a ho'o Child Care Subsidy, fakahu ai 'a ho'o ngaahi fakaikiiki fakaekoe pea mo ha toe ngaahi me'a fakapepa kotoa pe ke pou pou ki ho'o kole.

Additional Child Care Subsidy

Ko e Additional Child Care Subsidy 'oku ne foaki atu ha toe tokoni makehe ma'ae ngaahi famili 'e ni'ihi ki he totongi 'o e tauhi 'enau ki'i fanau. Kuo pau ke ke 'osi 'ataa ke ma'u 'a e Tokoni Tauhi Fanau Valevale Child Care Subsidy ke ke toki 'ataa ai ki he Additional Child Care Subsidy. 'Oku lahi 'a e ngaahi fotunga kehekehe 'a ia te ke ala 'apalai ki ai:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Grandparent). 'Oku tokoni eni ki he ngaahi fakamole 'o e tauhi fanau 'o kapau ko ha kui koe pe kui ua pea 'oku ke fai 'a e tauhi taupotu taha 'o ho mokopuna pe mokopuna ua. Ke ke 'ataa ki ai, kuo pau ke 'i ai ha'o vahe tu'upau.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship). Ko ha tokoni taimi-nounou 'eni ki he tauhi 'o ha leka 'o kapau 'oku ke faingata'a'ia fakapa'anga fakataimi koe'uhi ko ha fa'ahinga tukunga 'a ia 'oku 'ikai ke ke lava 'o pule'i.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Transition to Work). 'Oku tokoni 'eni ki ha ngaahi fakamole 'o hono tauhi 'o ha leka 'o kapau 'oku ke lolotonga fekuki mo ha tukunga 'o ha liliu 'o ho'o ma'unga pa'anga ko ha'o ngauefo'ou, pe ako pe ko ha fa'ahinga ako ngaue.

Oku 'i ai foki mo e Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) 'a ia te ke lava 'o 'eke ki he sevesi tauhi 'o ho'o fanau fekau'aki mo ia. 'Oku tokoni 'eni ki ha ngaahi famili 'oku pelepelengesi pe ngaahi famili mo e fanau 'oku 'i ha tu'unga masiva 'aupito. 'E fiema'u 'a ho'o sevesi tauhi 'o ho'o fanau ke nau 'apalai eni ma'au.

Founga 'a ho'o 'apalai ki he Additional Child Care Subsidy

Ke 'apalai 'onilaine 'e fiema'u ha'o 'akauni myGov mo ha'o 'akauni Centrelink 'onilaine. Ko ho'o 'akauni myGov kuo pau ke fakahoko ([link](#)) ki he Centrelink.

Ngaue'aki 'a ho'o 'akauni Centrelink 'onilaine 'i ho'o myGov ke fakahu hake 'a ho ngaahi fakaikiiki pea mo ha ngaahi me'a fakapepa ke poupu ki ai.

Faka'esitimeti 'a e totongi tokoni ki he tauhi 'o ho'o leka

Te ke lava ke ngaue'aki 'a e Child Care Subsidy Calculator ke ke 'ilo 'a e totongi tokoni Child Care Subsidy te ke ala ma'u pea mo fiha 'e fiema'u ke ke totongi 'e koe ki he tauhi fanau. 'Alu ki he startingblocks.gov.au

Ki ha toe fakamatala lahi ange

- 'Alu ki he servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy ki ha toe ngaahi fakamatala lahi ange 'i he lea faka-Pilitania.
- 'Alu ki he servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage 'a ia te ke lava 'o lau, fanongo pe mamata ki he ngaahi fakamatala 'i ho'o lea pe 'a'au.
- Telefoni **131 202** ke ke talanoa mai kiate kima'utolu 'i ho'o lea pe 'a'au fekau'aki mo e ngaahi vahe Centrelink pea mo e ngaahi sevesi.
- 'A'ahi ki ha senita sevesi.

Tokanga'i: ko ho'o ngaahi telefoni mei ho'o laine telefoni 'api ki he ngaahi fika '13' mei ha feitu'u pe 'i 'Aositelelia 'oku hilifaki ki ai ha totongi pau. Ko hono totongi 'e malava pe ke fetongitongi mei ha totongi 'o ha telefoni loukolo pea 'e toe lava pe ke kehekehe fakatatau ki he ngaahi kautaha telefoni 'oku ke ngaue'aki. Ko e ngaahi telefoni ki he ngaahi fika '1800' mei ho'o telefoni 'api 'oku ta'etotongi pe ia. Ko e ngaahi telefoni mei he ngaahi puha telefoni pe telefoni mopaila 'e malava pe ia ke taimi'i pea toe totongi mamafa ange ia.

Faka'ata'atā

Ko e ngaahi fakamatala 'oku ha 'i he hiki tohi ni 'oku taumu'a pe ia ki ha tataki/fakahinohino ki he ngaahi pa'anga totongi mo e ngaahi sevesi. 'Oku 'a'au pe ke ke fili fakapotopoto pe te ke loto ke 'apalai ki ha vahe mo fai ha'o 'apalai 'o fakatatau ki ho tukunga totonu.



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 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.