



Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy i save helpim long baim ol samting bilong lukautim pikinini. Sapos yu inap long kisim dispela mani, mipela bai givim dispela mani long ol lain i save lukautim pikinini bilong yu long daunim fi yu i save peim.

Yu mas mitim ol dispela lo bilong yu ken kisim dispela helpim:

- lukautim wanpela pikinini i gat 13-pela krismas o aninit moa na i no stap long sekenderi skul, sapos i no gat narapela lo i makim olsem i no gat wok long lukautim pikinini
- yusim wanpela sevis bilong lukautim ol pikinini
- yu yet bai peim ol fi bilong lukautim pikinini
- mitim ol residensi na ol rot bilong kisim marasin bilong lukautim ol.

Bilong mitim ol residensi mak, yu o patna bilong yu i mas i stap long Australia na i gat wanpela bilong ol dispela samting:

- sitizen bilong Australia
- visa bilong stap oltaim long hap
- wanpela Special Category visa
- wanpela kain visa bilong sampela taim tasol, olsem Partner Provisional o Temporary Protection visa.

Yu inap mitim residensi mak sapos wanpela bilong ol dispela samting i stap aninit em i stap:

- yu o patna bilong yu i ovasis sumatin, we gavman bilong Australia i sponsarim long go stadi long Australia
- yu gat hevi o yu gat ol narapela spesol samting.

Bai yu i no inap bihainim sampela bilong ol dispela lo sapos yu i gat ol narapela spesol samting.

Hamas Child Care Subsidy yu ken kisim

Namba bilong hamas Child Care Subsidy yu ken kisim em i bihainim ol dispela samting i stap aninit:

- mani bilong famili bilong yu
- namba bilong ol pikinini yu lukautim
- mak bilong pe long wanpela aua, em i makim wanem kain ples yu save lukautim pikinini long en na krismas bilong pikinini bilong yu
- Famili bilong yu i gat wanem kain sindaun, na hamas aua yu na patna bilong yu i save mekim ol samting em gavman i orait long en.

Mani bilong famili

Mipela bai yusim mani bilong famili bilong yu long kauntim hamas mani yu inap kisim long Child Care Subsidy. Yu mas kamap wantaim wanpela estimet bilong hamas mani yu save kisim long wan wan yia, na bai mipela i ken kauntim hamas mani bilong Child Care Subsidy yu mas peim bilong sevis bilong lukautim pikinini bilong yu.

Hamas mani bai yu kisim long Child Care Subsidy i ken senis sapos pe bilong yu i senis. Bilong save yu kisim stret mani bilong Child Care Subsidy, yu mas sekim na stretim ol pe yu save kisim.

Yu ken ritim moa long dispela long servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Kisim mani

Bilong helpim yu long abrusim mak bilong mani yu bai kisim, mipela bai pasim 5% bilong Child Care Subsidy long wanwan potnait. Yu inap senisim mani mipela i holim.

Yu ken ritim moa long dispela long servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs

Balens

Long pinis bilong yia, mipela bai balensim ol peimen bilong yu. Mipela bai mekim dispela long skelim hamas mani yu putim i go daun long wan wan yia na hamas mani stret yu save kisim long wan wan yia. Dispela bai helpim yu long save olsem yu kisim stret mani bilong dispela sabsidi.

Sapos mani yu ting yu bai kisim i no bikpela tumas long pe yu save kisim, orait yu mas bekim dispela mani. Mipela bai yusim mani mipela i bin pasim long Child Care Subsidy bilong daunim mani yu mas bekim.

Sapos mani yu ting yu bai kisim em i winim tru mani yu bin kisim, na yu no bin kisim inap Child Care Subsidy, mipela bai givim yu mani yu no bin kisim. Dispela i makim tu mani bilong Child Care Subsidy em mipela i no bin givim.

Bilong kisim moa save long balensim Child Care Subsidy balancing long Tok Inglis na long ol narapela tokples, go long servicesaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing

Namba bilong ol pikinini ol i lukautim

Sapos yu gat planti pikinini i gat 5-pela krismas na i go daun, yu ken kisim bikpela mani bilong Child Care Subsidy bilong wanpela o sampela pikinini bilong yu.

Sapos yu inap long kisim dispela helpim:

- nambawan pikinini bilong yu i gat 5-pela krismas o aninit bai kisim wankain mani bilong Child Care Subsidy, em ol i save skelim long pe bilong en,
- ol liklik pikinini inap kisim bikpela pe bilong Child Care Subsidy.

Namba bilong mani yu inap kisim long pikinini bilong yu em 95%. Ol pikinini i gat 6-pela krismas na i go antap ol bai kisim pe bilong Child Care Subsidy.

Bikpela Child Care Subsidy em ol i no save bihainim long ol hap long In Home Care (Lukautim pikinini long haus).

Yu ken ridim moa long dispela long servicesaustralia.gov.au/higherccs

Mak bilong pe long wanpela aua

Mani yu inap kisim long Child Care Subsidy i save makim wanem kain ples bilong lukautim pikinini yu yusim na hamas krismas bilong pikinini bilong yu.

Pesentis bilong yu long Child Care Subsidy bai kamap long hamas ol sevis bilong lukautim pikinini i sasim yu long wanpela aua o long dispela mak bilong pe long wanpela aua, wanem em liklik.

Activity Test

Ol aua yu ken kisim bilong lukautim pikinini long olgeta 2-pela wik i save makim ol samting yu mas mekim na hamas aua yu mas mekim ol wok bilong lukautim pikinini. Mipela i kolim dispela olsem wanpela activity test.

Ol aktiviti ol i luksave long en em ol dispela:

- wok ol i save baim – wantaim ol malolo, olsem taim bilong karim pikinini
- stadi na trening
- wok ol i no save baim long famili bisnis
- painim wok
- wok volentia
- wok bilong yu yet
- ol narapela aktiviti long wan wan taim.

Sapos yu gat patna, bai mipela skelim pasin bilong yutupela long mekim ol samting. Mipela bai yusim namba bilong yu o bilong patna bilong yu long kauntim hamas aua bilong yu long lukautim pikinini.

Bilong save gut olsem yu kisim stret mani bilong Child Care Subsidy, yu mas sekim na stretim activity test bilong yu sapos sindaun bilong yu o bilong patna bilong yu i senis.

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

Rot bilong kleimim Child Care Subsidy

Bilong mekim wanpela onlain kleim yu nidim wanpela myGov akaun na wanpela Centrelink onlain akaun. myGov akaun bilong yu i mas pas long Centrelink.

Sapos yu i nogat wanpela myGov akaun, go long my.gov.au na kamapim wanpela.

Sapos yu laik kisim helpim long wokim myGov akaun, go long servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides

Yusim Centrelink onlain akaun bilong yu insait long myGov long kleimim Child Care Subsidy, givim ol infomesen bilong yu na ol pepa bilong strongim dispela.

Additional Child Care Subsidy

Additional Child Care Subsidy i save givim ol famili sampela moa help wantaim ol fi bilong lukautim pikinini. Yu mas kisim Child Care Subsidy long yu ken kisim Additional Child Care Subsidy. I gat ol kainkain i stap we yu i ken aplai long kisim:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Grandparent). Dispela bai helpim yu long baim ol samting bilong lukautim pikinini sapos yu wanpela bubu o wanpela tumbuna papa o wanpela tumbuna mama i lukautim bubu pikinini bilong yu o wanpela tumbuna pikinini bilong yu. Bilong yu ken kisim dispela helpim, yu mas kisim pe bilong helpim yu long kisim mani.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship). Dispela bai helpim yu long sotpela taim tasol long baim ol samting bilong lukautim pikinini sapos yu gat hevi long mani long sampela taim, long wanem, yu no gat strong long stretim dispela hevi.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (Transition to Work). Dispela bai helpim yu long baim ol samting bilong lukautim pikinini sapos yu lusim wok mani bilong yu na yu mekim wok mani, stadi o ol trening aktiviti.

I gat Additional Child Care Subsidy (Child Wellbeing) we yu i ken askim ol sevis bilong lukautim ol pikinini. Dispela bai helpim ol famili na ol pikinini we ol i no gat strong o ol i no gat planti samting. Lain we i save lukautim pikinini bilong yu i mas raitim dispela pepa long nem bilong yu.

Hau long aplai long Additional Child Care Subsidy

Long aplai onlain yu nidim wanpela myGov akaun na wanpela Centrelink akaun. myGov akaun bilong yu i mas pas long Centrelink.

Yusim Centrelink onlain akaun bilong yu long myGov long givim ol infomesen bilong yu na ol dokumen bilong strongim dispela.

Skelim mani bilong yu long lukautim pikinini

Yu ken yusim Child Care Subsidy Calculator long lukim hamas Child Care Subsidy stretbai yu baim bilong lukautim pikinini. Go long **startingblocks.gov.au**

Bilong kisim moa infomesen

- Go long **servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy** bilong kisim sampela save moa long tok Inglis.
- Go long **servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage** we yu ken ritim, harim o lukim ol infomesen long tokples bilong yu.
- Ringim **131 202** na toktok wantaim mipela long tokples bilong yu long ol pe na sevis bilong Centrelink.
- Go long wanpela sevis senta.

Toksave: Sapos yu ring long haus bilong yu i go long '13' pela namba long Australia we ol i sasim long wanpela prais. Dispela prais inap senis long prais bilong wanpela lokel kol na em inap senis tu long ol narapela narapela lain we i givim dispela sevis. Ol kol i go long ol '1800' namba long haus fon bilong yu em i free. Ol kol we i kam long pablik na ol mobail pon em ol bai makim taim na sasim antap.

Toksave

Ol infomesen i stap long dispela buk em ol i mekim bilong helpim yu long save long ol peimen na ol sevis. Yu yet i mas makim sapos yu laik kisim dispela mani o nogat, na yu yet i mas makim wanem samting yu laik kisim.



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 servicesaustralia.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 servicesaustralia.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.