



## **Child Care Subsidy (haf mane we gavman i givim blong givhan long ol famle we oli gat pikinini)**

Child Care Subsidy i givhan long saed blong praes blong approved child care (wan oganaesesen we gavman i alawem hem blong lukaotem ol pikinini). Sapos yu save karem mane ia, bambae mifala i pem igo stret long oganaesesen we i lukaotem pikinini blong yu, hemia blong daonem fi we yu mas pem.

Blong save karem Child Care Subsidy i nid blong meksua se ol samting ia ananit i stret:

- i blong lukaotem wan pikinini we yia blong hem i no bitim 13 we i no go long haeskul, be i no wan we gavman i givim raet long hem blong stap long haos nomo (exemption)
- yu stap yusum wan approved child care service (seves we gavman i givim raet long hem blong lukaotem pikinini)
- yu nao yu stap pem ol fi blong lukaotem pikinini blong yu
- yu mas wok folem ol rul blong stap long Ostrelia mo fasin blong stikim ol pikinini blong oli no kasem sik.

Blong wok folem ol rul blong stap long Ostrelia, yu o man/woman blong yu i mas stap long Ostrelia mo:

- yu o hem i sitisen blong Ostrelia o
- yu o hem i gat wan visa blong stap oltaem long Ostrelia o
- yu o hem i gat wan visa we i Special Category o
- yu o hem i gat kaen visa we i blong smol taem nomo, olsem partner provisional o temporary protection visa.

Maet yu wok folem ol rul blong stap long Ostrelia from we:

- yu o man/woman blong yu i wan studen we i kam long narafala kantri we Australian Government i sponsarem blong stadi long Ostrelia o
- yu stap fesem hadtaem o i gat sam spesol samting long laef blong yu.

Maet sam long ol poen ia oli no aplae long yu, i dipen.

## **Amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save karem**

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

- hamas mane famle blong yu i stap winim
- namba blong ol pikinini blong yu mo ol yia blong olgeta we wan oganaesesen i lukaotem
- kaen approved child care we yu stap yusum
- namba blong aoa we haf mane blong gavman i pem we yu gat raet from folem laef blong famle blong yu mo recognised participation blong yu mo man/woman blong yu (hemia taem o ol aoa we yu mo man/woman blong yu i spenem blong lukaotem pikinini we gavman mo yumi i luksave se i tru).

## Mane we famle blong yu i winim

Mifala bambae i yusum amaon blong mane we famle blong yu i winim blong wokemaot amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save karem.

I nid blong yu talemaot ges blong yu long saed blong mane we yu winim long wan wan yia. Mifala i yusum ges ia blong wokemaot hamas Child Care Subsidy blong pem long child care service blong yu.

Amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save karem i save jenis sapos amaon blong mane we yu winim i jenis. Blong meksua se yu karem stret amaon blong Child Care Subsidy bambae yu mas talemaot niufala ges blong yu sapos amaon we yu winim i jenis.

Yu save faenemaot moa long saed ia long [servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs)

## Oi famle we oli gat bitim wan pikinini we yia blong olgeta i no bitim 5 yia

Sapos yu gat bitim wan pikinini we i no bitim 5 yia long child care bambae maet yu save karem wan amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we i moa hae blong wan o moa long ol pikinini blong yu.

Amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we i moa hae i no aplae long ol taem blong In Home Care we pikinini blong yu i stap long haos long han blong wan mama we i lukaotem hem. Hemia from we haf mane long saed blong In Home Care i blong ol famle evriwan i no blong wan wan pikinini nomo.

Yu save faenemaot moa long saed ia long [servicesaustralia.gov.au/higherccs](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/higherccs)

## Maksimom praes blong wan aoa

Amaon blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save karem i dipen long kaen approved child care we yu stap yusum mo yia blong pikinini blong yu.

Mifala i wokemaot level (olsem %) blong Child Care Subsidy folem ges blong yu long saed blong mane we famle blong yu i winim. Level (%) blong Child Care Subsidy i aplae long praes blong wan aoa we child care service blong yu i askem o long maksimum praes blong wan aoa, i dipen long wijwan long tufala i smol bitim narawan. Maksimom praes blong wan aoa gavman nao i putum mo i lukluk long hem bakegen evri yia.

## Aoa blong subsidised child care

Oi famle evriwan we oli gat raet blong karem Child Care Subsidy oli save karem 72 aoa long saed blong subsidised child care, mebi moa, evri tu (2) wik.

Yu save karem 100 aoa blong subsidised child care evri tu (2) wik sapos wan long ol samting ia i aplae:

- yu mo man/woman blong yu (sapos i gat) yu spenem bitim 48 aoa long saed blong recognised participation evri tu (2) wik o
- yu gat wan exemption we i stret.

Wanem nao fasin blong tekpat (recognised participation) i save ingkludum:

- yu wok blong karem lape, ingkludum spel olsem spel blong ol mama we oli bonem pikinini
- yu stap stadi mo lanem sam samting
- yu wok long bisnes blong famle be yu no karem lape
- yu stap lukaotem wok

- yu wok fri nomo olsem voluntia
- yu wok blong yu wan nomo.

Sapos yu gat man/woman bambae mifala i yusum ol namba blong aoa blong recognised participation blong yu mo blong man/woman blong yu mo tekem hemia we i smol bitim narawan blong wokemaot namba blong aoa blong subsidised child care blong yu.

Blong meksua se yu karem stret amaon blong Child Care Subsidy yu mas jekem recognised participation blong yu sapos i gat jenis long laef blong yu o blong man/woman blong yu mo wokemaot bakegen.

Yu save faenemaot moa long saed ia long

**[servicesaustralia.gov.au/hours-subsidised-child-care-for-child-care-subsidy](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/hours-subsidised-child-care-for-child-care-subsidy)**

## **Pat blong mane long saed blong Child Care Subsidy we mifala i holem taet**

Blong meksua se yu no kasem bitim wanem we i stret bambae mifala i holem taet 5% blong Child Care Subsidy blong yu evri tu (2) wik. Yu save jenisim amaon we mifala i holem taet sapos i nid.

Yu save faenemaot moa long saed ia long **[servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs)**

## **Blong skelem gud mane blong Child Care Subsidy**

Long en blong yia bambae mifala i skelem gud mane we mifala i bin pem long saed blong yu. Mifala i mekem samting ia long fasin blong skelem ges blong mane we yu winim agenstem mane we yu rili bin winim. Olsem mifala i save meksua se yu bin karem stret amaon blong subsidy.

Yu mas talem long mifala stret amaon we yu bin winim blong letem mifala i skelem gud. Sapos yu gat man/woman, yu mas talem long mifala stret mane we hem tu i bin winim. Yu save mekem long fasin blong fulumap pepa blong takis blong yu o yu save talem long mifala se i no nid blong yu fulumap pepa blong takis.

Sapos ges blong yu i smol bitim wanem we yu rili winim, bambae i minim se maet mifala i pem yu bitim wanem we yu gat raet from mo yu mas pem bak. Bambae mifala i yusum mane blong Child Care Subsidy we mifala i bin holem taet blong daonem amaon we yu mas pem bak.

Sapos ges blong yu i bitim amaon we yu rili winim, mo yu no bin karem naf Child Care Subsidy, bambae mifala i pem amaon we yu no bin kasem i go stret long poket blong yu. Hemia i ingkludum Child Care Subsidy we mifala i bin holem taet.

Blong save moa long saed blong fasin blong skelem Child Care Subsidy long Inglis mo long ol narafala lanwis go long **[servicesaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing)**

## **Additional Child Care Subsidy**

Additional Child Care Subsidy i blong givhan bakegen long samfala famle long saed blong ol fi blong lukaotem ol pikinini blong olgeta. Yu mas karem Child Care Subsidy finis blong save karem Additional Child Care Subsidy. I gat ol defren kaen we yu save aplae from:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (grandparent). Hemia i blong wan abu o olfala abu we hem nao i stap lukaotem smol bubu blong hem we i pikinini blong yu. Blong karem mane ia, yu mas askem income support payment (mane blong sapotem mane we yu winim).
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (temporary financial hardship). Hemia i givhan long yu smol taem sapos yu fesem hadtaem long saed blong mane from ol samting we yu no save kontrolem. I

save inkludum kaen samting olsem - yu lusum wok blong yu, o i bin gat bigfala trabol olsem hariken, atkwek, we i spolem yu o yu lusum man/woman blong yu o wan pikinini.

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (transition to work). Hemia i blong givhan long yu sapos yu stap jenisim laef blong yu we yu bin kasem income support mo yu statem wan wok, yu stadi o tren.

Mo tu i gat Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing) – yu save askem child care service blong yu blong faenemaot moa long saed ia. Hemia i blong givhan long ol famle mo pikinini we oli safa o fesem hadtaem. Child care service blong yu bambae hem nao i mas aplae from.

## Hao blong klemem Child Care Subsidy mo Additional Child Care Subsidy

Blong klem online (long intanet), yu nidim wan myGov kaon mo wan Centrelink online account. myGov kaon blong yu i mas joen wetem Centrelink.

Sapos yu no gat myGov kaon, go long **my.gov.au** blong setimap.

Sapos yu nidim help blong setimap myGov kaon blong yu, go long **servicessaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides**

Yusum Centrelink online account blong yu tru long myGov blong askem Child Care Subsidy, blong givim ol save long saed blong yu mo ol pepa we maet i nid blong givim.

Sapos yu no save mekem online bambae yu save kolem mifala long **136 150**. I no nid blong go long wan seves senta blong mekem klem.

## Jekemaot hamas Child Care Subsidy yu save karem

Yu save yusum wan kalkuleta, hemia Child Care Subsidy Calculator blong faenemaot wanem nao level blong Child Care Subsidy we yu save karem mo wanem nao yu mas pem long saed blong child care. Go long **startingblocks.gov.au**

## Blong save moa

- Go long **servicessaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy** blong faenemaot moa long Inglis lanwis.
- Go long **servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage** we yu save ridim, harem o lukim ol toktok long lanwis blong yu.
- Kolem **131 202** blong toktok wetem mifala long lanwis blong yu long saed blong ol pe mo seves blong Centrelink.
- Go lukim wan seves senta.

**Notem:** i gat stret praes blong kol taem yu yusum fon blong yu long haos blong kolem ol namba ia '13' long eni ples long Ostrelia. Praes ia maet i defren long praes blong lokol kol mo tu maet i defren from i dipen long telefon kampani. Ol kol we oli go long ol namba ia '1800' taem yu yusum fon long haos blong yu bambae oli fri nomo. Sapos yu yusum pablik fon o mobael, maet yu pem wan praes we i moa hae, i dipen long longfala taem we yu stap long fon.

## Disclaimer (no save trastem fulwan)

Ol toktok we i stap insaed long pepa ia i blong help nomo blong andastanem wanem nao ol praes mo ol seves we mifala i stap tokbaot long ples ia. I stap long yu blong mekem stret tingting blong yu sapos yu wantem askem mane mo aplae from, hemia i dipen long wanem we i stap hapen long laef blong yu wan.



## Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy helps with the cost of approved child care. If you can get it, we will pay it directly to your child care provider to reduce the fees you pay.

To get Child Care Subsidy, you must meet all of the following:

- care for a child aged 13 or younger who is not in secondary school, unless you have an exemption
- use an approved child care service
- be the person responsible for paying the child care fees
- meet residence and immunisation rules.

To meet the residence rules, 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 residence rules 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.

Some of these points may not apply to you in certain situations.

## 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 age and number of children in your care using child care
- the type of approved child care you use
- the hours of subsidised care you are eligible for based on your family's circumstances and recognised participation 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 need to give us an income estimate each financial year. We use this estimate to 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 update your estimate if your income changes.

You can find out more about this at [servicessaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs)

## Families with more than one child aged 5 or under

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

The higher Child Care Subsidy rate does not apply to In Home Care sessions of care, where the child is being cared for in their home. This is because In Home Care is subsidised for the family, rather than for each child.

You can find out more about this at [servicessaustralia.gov.au/higherccs](https://servicessaustralia.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.

We work out your Child Care Subsidy percentage using your family income estimate. 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. The hourly rate cap is a rate set by the government and reviewed each year.

## Hours of subsidised child care

All families eligible for Child Care Subsidy can get at least 72 hours of subsidised child care each fortnight.

You can get 100 hours of subsidised child care each fortnight if either of the following apply:

- you and your partner (if you have one) each do more than 48 hours of recognised participation every fortnight
- you have a valid exemption.

Recognised participation types can include:

- paid work – including leave, like maternity leave
- study and training
- unpaid work in family business
- looking for work
- volunteering
- self-employment.

If you have a partner, we'll use the lower of your or your partner's recognised participation 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 recognised participation if your or your partner's situation changes.

You can find out more about this at [servicessaustralia.gov.au/hours-subsidised-child-care-for-child-care-subsidy](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/hours-subsidised-child-care-for-child-care-subsidy)

## Holding back part of your Child Care Subsidy payment

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 to suit your circumstances.

You can find out more about this at [servicessaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/incomeccs)

## Balancing your Child Care Subsidy payment

At the end of each 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.

You need to confirm your income for us to do this. If you had a partner, their income must also be confirmed. This can be done by lodging tax returns or by you telling us tax returns don't need to be lodged.

If your income estimate is lower than your actual income, we may have paid you too much subsidy 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 [servicessaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing)

## Additional Child Care Subsidy

Additional Child Care Subsidy gives extra help to some families with their child care fees. You must already get Child Care Subsidy to be able to get Additional Child Care Subsidy. There are different types you can apply for:

- Additional Child Care Subsidy (grandparent). This is for a grandparent, or great grandparent with primary care of your grandchild or great grandchild. To get it, you must get an income support payment.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (temporary financial hardship). This gives short-term help if you are in temporary financial hardship due to things you cannot control. This can include if you have lost your job, been affected by a major disaster event or experience the death of a partner or child.
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (transition to work). This helps if you are moving from an income support payment by starting work, study or training.

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 service will need to apply for you.

## How to claim Child Care Subsidy and Additional 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](https://my.gov.au) to create one.

For help setting up your myGov account, go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/mygovguides)

Use your Centrelink online account through myGov to claim Child Care Subsidy, provide your information and any supporting documents.

If you cannot claim online, call us on **136 150**. You do not need to go to a service centre to make a claim.

## Check how much Child Care Subsidy you can get

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](https://startingblocks.gov.au)

### For more information

- Go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/childcaresubsidy) for more information in English.
- Go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://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.