

למנו: מוֹלָא מִן אֲלִפְסוֹנֵי חַרְדֵּי דְכַשְׁמָא לְחַסְתָּא דְגִיּוֹרָא נָא כִּי 13' מִן חַד אֲנָא דְחָרָא אֲדֵי
אֲחַשְׁבִּילָא כְּנֵי לִי מְחַשְׁלֵנָא נָא. אֲנָא לִיכָא כְּלָא דְחָרָא פִּינָא מִן לִיכָא דְשִׂי
מוֹלָא מְחַלְלָא אֲחַלְלָא דְאֵפְּ חָרָא פִּינָא כַּד מַגִּידָא דְשַׁלְחָא אֲלִפְסוֹנֵי. מוֹלָא מִן
אֲלִפְסוֹנֵי חַרְדֵּי דְכַשְׁמָא לְחַסְתָּא דְ 1800' מִיכְּתָא נָא. מוֹלָא מִן אֲלִפְסוֹנֵי חַרְדֵּי דְחַסְתָּא (מַחְזָל)
כְּלָא כִּי דְסוֹר, כַּסֵּב אֲדֵי.

מזנהא

נָא דְשַׁבְּתָא דְאֲנָא פִּינָא נָא אֲסַב, לְמַכָּא מְחַשְׁבָּא דְלַח פִּינָא אֲלִפְסוֹנֵי חַרְדֵּי
פִּינָא מְשַׁלְחָא. מְשַׁלְחָא דְחָרָא לַח דְפִינָא אֲלִפְסוֹנֵי חַרְדֵּי דְחַסְתָּא לְמִי פִּינָא
דְמַחְזָלָא נָא לְחַלְלָא דְכַשְׁמָא לַח חַד אֲחַשְׁבִּילֵי חַרְדֵּי פִּינָא.



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

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

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

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

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

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 to create one.

For help setting up your myGov account, go to 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

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.