



CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Who Can Get It?

You need to meet some requirements to get Child Care Subsidy. We pay this subsidy directly to your childcare provider to reduce the fees you pay. You may be eligible if you or your partner meet all of the following:

- care for your child at least 2 nights per fortnight, or have 14% care
- are liable for fees for care provided at an approved child care service
- meet the residency rules

Your child must also meet both of these:

- immunisation requirements
- not be attending secondary school unless an exemption applies

If your child attends secondary school, you may still be eligible if they need supervision. They must be either:

- 13 or under
- 14 to 18 with disability

In these circumstances, you must provide evidence as to why your child is unable to be unsupervised. This may include evidence of your child's disability. You also need to confirm an adult is unable to care for your child during this time.

Each person that is liable to pay childcare fees will need to apply for this subsidy and meet these criteria.

Extra support

Some families can get Additional Child Care Subsidy. We pay it on top of Child Care Subsidy to provide extra support with childcare fees.

There are 3 different types of Additional Child Care Subsidy that you can apply for if you're either:

- a grandparent
- transitioning to work
- experiencing temporary financial hardship

Approved child care

Approved Childcare are services that have Australian Government approval to get Child Care Subsidy on your behalf to reduce your fees. Approved childcare includes:

- Centre Based Day Care, including long day care and occasional care
- Family Day Care
- Outside School Hours Care, including before, after and vacation care
- In Home Care

In Home Care

The eligibility criteria for In Home Care is different. You need to meet all eligibility criteria for Child Care Subsidy as well as extra criteria. You can read more about In-Home Care on the Department of Education and Training website.

The amount of Child Care Subsidy you can get depends on your circumstances.

Use our Payment and Service Finder to estimate how much Child Care Subsidy you may get.

To work out how much Child Care Subsidy you are eligible for we'll look at all of the following:

- your family's income
- the hourly rate cap based on the type of approved child care you use and your child's age
- the hours of activity you and your partner do

The amount of subsidised childcare you can access per fortnight applies to each child.

Additional Child Care Subsidy- Grandparent

You need to meet certain criteria to be eligible for the Additional Child Care Subsidy Grandparent.

You or your partner must:

- be eligible for Child Care Subsidy
- get an income support payment
- be the grandparent of the child
- have 65% or more care of the child, and
- make the day to day decisions about the child's care, welfare and development

A grandparent is a child's biological grandparent or great grandparent. This includes if you are related to the child through:

- adoption
- step parents, including former step parents
- artificial conception
- de facto relationships, or
- surrogacy arrangements

If you have 65% or more care of the child but don't receive an income support payment, you won't be eligible for this subsidy. However, you may be eligible for Child Care Subsidy and an activity test exemption.

How Much?

You'll be able to access 100 hours of subsidised care each fortnight for your grandchild.

We'll pay the lower of:

- 85% of the fee charged where it's equal to or below the hourly rate cap, or
- up to 120% of the hourly rate cap where the fee charged is above the hourly rate cap

There is no time limit on how long you can get this additional subsidy as long as you stay eligible