

Parent information to transfer to “the new child care package”

What do families need to do?

- Look out for Centrelink letter (early April)
- Log into myGov (April-May 2018)
 - Access Centrelink online account
 - Provide new information and confirm current details
 - Family income estimate
 - Activity test
 - Child care/school details
 - Confirm enrolment

The package includes a new Child Care Subsidy, which replaces the current CCB and CCR.

When the Child Care Subsidy commences on 2nd July 2018, it will:

- Replace the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) with a single means-tested subsidy
- Be paid directly to providers to be passed on to families
- Be simpler than the current multi-payment system
- Be better targeted and provide more assistance to low and middle income families

A Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator

A Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator is available to make it easy for families to estimate their subsidy entitlement. This gives parents and carers an idea of what their new subsidy might be under the New Child Care Package.

The estimator is user-friendly and only takes a few minutes to fill out. Visit the following website to get an estimate of what your family may be entitled to
<http://www.education.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-1>

Frequently asked questions

Please visit <https://www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-frequently-asked-questions>

Current Child Care fee assistance

Child Care Benefit (CCB)

- Income tested
- All families receive up to 24 hours of CCB per week
- Work, study, training test for more than 24 hours of CCB per week

Child Care Rebate (CCR)

- No income test
- Pays 50% of out of pocket child care costs, after CCB, up to a cap of \$7613 per child, per year
- Work, study, training test

Other Payments

- Special Child Care Benefit
- Grandparent Child Care Benefit
- Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance

New Child Care fee assistance

Child Care Subsidy Eligibility

Some basic requirements must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive Child Care Subsidy for a child. These include:

- the age of the child (must be 13 or under and not attending secondary school)
- the child meeting immunisation requirements
- the individual, or their partner, meets the residency requirements.

In addition, to be eligible for Child Care Subsidy the individual must be liable to pay for care provided, the care must be delivered in Australia by an approved child care provider, and not be part of a compulsory education program.

How does it work?

There are three factors that will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy. These are:

- Combined Family Income
- Activity Test – the activity level of both parents
- Service Type – type of child care service

The Child Care Subsidy will be paid directly to providers to be passed on to families as a fee reduction. Families will make a co-contribution to their child care fees and pay to the provider the difference between the fee charged and the subsidy amount.

The New Child Care Package will also provide targeted additional fee assistance for vulnerable families through the Child Care Safety Net.