

## QUICK GUIDE

# Child Care Subsidy (CCS)



### What is Child Care Subsidy?

Child care Subsidy (CCS) is the payment made by the Government to assist families with the costs of child care. It is paid directly to the service and passed onto families as a fee reduction.

### Who can get Child Care Subsidy?

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 meets the: [Immunisation Requirements](#)
- Your child is not attending secondary school unless an exemption applies.  
*(If your child attends secondary school, you may still be eligible)*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

#### How to make a claim for Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy provides help with the cost of child care. You can claim this subsidy using the Centrelink online account through myGov.

See: [How to claim Child Care Subsidy](#)

#### Understanding the Activity Test for Child Care Subsidy

The hours of subsidised care a family can get each fortnight depends on its activity level. The higher the level of activity, the more hours of subsidised care families can get.

See: [Further information on the Activity Test](#)

#### Understanding the Income Test for child care subsidy

The Child Care Subsidy percentage you're entitled to depends on your family's income.

See: [Further information on the Income Test](#)

#### Shared Care

Information on shared care which occurs when a child is considered a dependent child of two or more individuals and the effect on their eligibility and entitlement to Child Care Subsidy and Additional Child Care Subsidy.

See: [Shared Care and Child Care Subsidy](#)

#### Child Care Subsidy for children attending secondary school

If your child attends secondary school, you may still be eligible for child care subsidy if they need supervision. In these circumstances, you must provide evidence as to why your child can't be supervised.

See: [CCS exemption for Secondary School child](#)

#### Casual or Irregular hours of work

Casual, or irregular, work hours may affect your subsidised hours of care for Child Care Subsidy.

See: [Casual or irregular hours for Child Care Subsidy](#)