



Australian Government

FROM **July**
2023

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Changes to Child Care Subsidy

From 10 July 2023, **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** is changing. Most families already receiving CCS will get more subsidy. Some families previously not eligible for CCS will now get it. There are also changes to the activity test for families caring for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children.

The changes mean early childhood education and care is now more affordable for more families. Out-of-pocket costs will reduce for around 96% of families currently using child care, and no family will be worse off.

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Most families will get an **increased subsidy rate**

More families will be **eligible**

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can get **at least 36 hours of subsidised care**.

What you need to know



The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90%.



Families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children in their care can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for that child. This is regardless of their family's or households' activity level.

What you need to do

If you are already getting CCS you don't need to do anything to get the new CCS rate. Services Australia will apply changes to your CCS for you from 10 July 2023.

You can talk to your child care service about how the changes apply to the fees you pay.

If you don't get CCS and your family earns between \$356,756 and \$530,000 you may be entitled to CCS from 10 July 2023. If you want to check your eligibility for CCS, **make a claim** using your Centrelink online account through myGov or your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

If you have more than one child aged 5 or under in child care, you can get a higher rate of CCS for one or more of your children. Services Australia will work out if you're eligible.

How much will you pay

Use the CCS Calculator at startingblocks.gov.au to find out what your family might pay.

For more information visit childcaresubsidy.gov.au.

Find a service near you

To find and compare quality children's education and care services, visit startingblocks.gov.au.

If you have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in your care

From 10 July 2023, families can get **at least 36 hours** of subsidised care per fortnight for each Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in their care and attending child care. Families may get more than 36 hours of subsidy per fortnight based on their circumstances and the amount of recognised activity they do. Families will still need to pay the gap fee.

If you would like to get **at least 36 hours** of subsidised care, you can tell Services Australia you have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in your care. You can contact Services Australia on **136 150** to update your child's CCS details. It's voluntary to tell Services Australia if you have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in your care.

You do not need to do anything if you already get more than 36 hours of subsidy based on your circumstances.

For more information
visit childcaresubsidy.gov.au



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