



Australian Government



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THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY INCREASES FROM JULY

Dear parent or carer,

RE: The Child Care Subsidy is increasing from July

From July 2023, the Australian Government is increasing the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for most families using early childhood education and care, which includes Outside School Hours Care. This also means some families previously not eligible for CCS will now get it.

This change will provide more support for more families across Australia.

Around 96 per cent of Australian families currently using child care – more than 1.2 million families – will be better off under these changes. No families will be worse off.

Changes from 10 July include:

- The family income limit to be eligible for CCS is increasing from \$356,756 to \$530,000 per annum.
- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90% for families earning \$80,000 or less.
- Families earning between \$80,000 and \$530,000 will receive an increased CCS rate.
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can get at least 36 subsidised hours of early childhood education and care per fortnight, regardless of their family's activity level.

Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can still get a higher rate for their second and subsequent children.

What you need to do

- If you are **already getting CCS**, you don't need to do anything to get the new rates. Services Australia will apply CCS changes automatically for you from 10 July. You can talk to your child care service about how the changes apply to the child care fees you pay.
- If you have an **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child**, you can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for each Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in your care and attending child care. If you would like to get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight, you need to contact Services Australia by calling 136 150 to update your child's CCS details. It is voluntary for you to tell Services Australia this.
- If you are **already using care but not currently registered for CCS** and your family earns below \$530,000, you may be entitled to CCS from 10 July. You should check your eligibility now. You will need to get a Centrelink online account through myGov or the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

If you are eligible for CCS and need extra support with child care fees, you may be eligible for Additional Child Care Subsidy if you meet certain criteria. To find out more visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/additional-child-care-subsidy.

For more information on the CCS increases commencing 10 July, or to find out how much you could save, visit www.childcaresubsidy.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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