



What is Child Care Benefit (CCB)?

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CCB is a payment from the Australian Government that helps you with the cost of your child care.

Who can get CCB?

You can get CCB if you are a parent, relationship parent, foster parent or grandparent with a child in your care who is attending child care approved for the purposes of CCB by, or registered with, the Government. You must meet certain requirements to get CCB (see also work, training, study test later in this fact sheet).

From 1 July 2009, the Department of Human Services recognises all couples, opposite-sex and same-sex.

How much CCB can I get?

The amount of CCB you get depends on:

- your income
- the type of care you use (CCB approved or registered)
- the amount of care you use
- the reason you are using care
- the number of children you have in care.

What is CCB approved or registered care?

CCB Approved care

These are services approved by the Government to provide child care because they meet certain high quality standards and operating requirements. They include:

- Long Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Outside School Hours Care (including before and after school and during school holidays)
- Occasional Care
- In Home Care.

You can choose to allow a CCB approved child care provider to receive CCB on your behalf from the Government, which means you pay less in fees out of your own pocket.

Registered care

This is child care provided by grandparents or other relatives, friends or nannies for work-related child care. It can also include care provided by individuals in private pre-schools and kindergartens as well as some outside school hours care and occasional care.

You can receive the registered care rate for CCB and your carer must be registered with the Department of Human Services. The CCB is paid by the Government into your bank or credit union account after you submit a claim. It is important to note that you cannot get the Child Care Rebate for registered care.

What eligibility requirements do I have to meet to get CCB?

To get CCB, you need to meet these requirements:

1. Residency

You or your partner must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident living in Australia or be exempted from the Government's residency requirements.

2. Immunisation

Children under seven must meet the Government's immunisation requirements or have an exemption.

3. Responsibility for child care payments

To get CCB you must be the one responsible for your child care costs. If your employer contributes to your child care through salary sacrificing or packaging, you should discuss with them who is responsible for the child care costs. If another agency or individual pays your child care on your behalf you should discuss with them who is responsible for the child care costs.

What is the work, training, study test?

This test determines how many hours of CCB you can get.

- For registered care you and your partner must be working, training or studying or have an exemption from this test to get up to 50 hours of CCB per child per week. No minimum number of hours is required.
- For CCB approved care all families can get up to 24 hours of CCB per child per week. To get up to 50 hours you and your partner need to be working, training or studying for at least 15 hours per week (or 30 hours per fortnight) or have an exemption from this test.

How can I get more information?

For further information on your eligibility for CCB please contact the Australian Government Department of Human Services:



access Online Services at www.humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices



call 13 61 50 between 8 am and 8 pm (local time) Monday to Friday



visit a Service Centre (located in Medicare Offices and Centrelink Service Centres)

Useful resources

For news and information on child care visit the mychild website available at www.mychild.gov.au

Access the Child Care Estimator at www.humanservices.gov.au/estimators

Family assistance payment rates fact sheet, available at www.humanservices.gov.au

If you need to, you can also call:



Teletypewriter (TTY) 1800 810 586 (if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment).

You need a TTY phone to use this service.

13 12 02 if you need information in a language other than English.