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Fact Sheet 3

What is approved child care for the purposes of Child Care Benefit (CCB)?

Parents want the very best for their children. When placing your child in care you need to be confident you have chosen a safe, nurturing environment of high quality.

CCB approved child care is a good option.

What is CCB approved child care?

It is child care approved for the purposes of CCB by the Australian Government because it meets certain standards and requirements. This includes having a license to operate, qualified and trained staff, being open certain hours, and meeting health, safety and other quality standards.

Can I get CCB if I use CCB approved care?

CCB is a payment from the Government that helps with the cost of your child care. You can get CCB if you are eligible, you meet the income test, and you use CCB approved child care. You need to claim CCB, even if your entitlement is zero due to income, so that you can also receive your Child Care Rebate.

Can I get the Child Care Rebate (CCR) if I use CCB approved care?

You may also be able to get the CCR as an automatic payment if you have used CCB approved care, are eligible for CCB (at the zero rate or more) and met the work, training, study test (for the purpose of the rebate).

Please note: To receive CCR you must claim CCB. There is no income test for the CCR. If you are eligible for CCB, but your CCB entitlement is zero due to income, you may still be eligible for the CCR.

What types of CCB approved care are there?

There are several types and some families use more than one:

- Long Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Outside School Hours Care (before and after school and vacation)
- Occasional Care
- In Home Care

How can I get more information?

For further information on your eligibility for CCB and CCR 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.