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Child Care Benefit 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, foster parent or grandparent with a child in your care who is attending child care services approved 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).

How much CCB can I get?

The amount of CCB you get depends on:

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

What is approved or registered care?

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 an 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 and your carer must be registered with the Family Assistance Office. 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 Tax 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.

What is the work, training, study test?

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

- For registered care you 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.
- For approved care all families can get up to 24 hours of CCB per child per week. To get up to 50 hours you 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 Family Assistance Office:



access online services at www.familyassist.gov.au



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



email through www.familyassist.gov.au



visit a Family Assistance Office (located in Medicare Offices, Centrelink Customer Service Centres and Australian Taxation Offices).

Useful resources

Family Assistance, The What, Why and How booklet, available at www.familyassist.gov.au

Family Assistance Office Guide to Payments fact sheet, available at www.familyassist.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.