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Prepare for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to resume

Dear Families,

As you're aware, the Australian Government is currently providing free child care under the **Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package**. This means Centrelink is not currently paying Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to families.

We understand the majority of families will want to claim CCS again once the free child care period ends on **Sunday 28 June 2020**.

If you were enrolled in our services and receiving CCS before **Monday 6 April 2020**, you won't need to do anything for it to start again.

However, if you joined our services after Monday 6 April or your enrolment details have changed, we recommend revising your CCS status.

What is CCS?

CCS helps with the cost of approved child care. Centrelink pays this subsidy directly to your child care provider to reduce the fees you pay.

Who can get it?

To get CCS you need to meet [certain requirements](#). Centrelink will also consider your circumstances to work out [how much you can get](#).

How do I apply?

If you want to get CCS when it starts again, and haven't already applied, you should [submit your claim](#) now.

Find out more about CCS on the [Services Australia website](#).

Family income estimates

If you are eligible to receive payments from Centrelink, such as Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Family Tax Benefit (FTB), you may be asked to **provide your family income**

estimate for the 2020-21 financial year.

While you aren't currently paying child care fees, you are still required to submit a statement as Centrelink use this information to **determine how much CCS or FTB you will receive** in the next financial year.

The [Services Australia website](#) has further information about updating your family income estimate for the 2020-21 financial year.

Stay safe and take care,
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