



Australian Government



Dear parent or carer,

RE: Important information for families using care but not registered for Child Care Subsidy

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.

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.

If you are not currently receiving CCS, you should check your eligibility now. **You will need to get a Centrelink online account through myGov or the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.**

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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