

Cheaper Child Care for most families

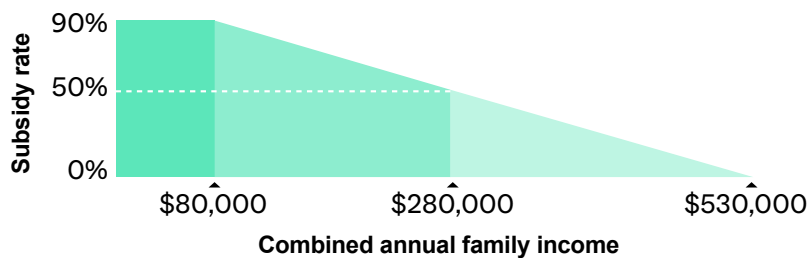
From 10 July 2023, changes are coming to the Australian Government's Child Care Subsidy (CCS) that could make care cheaper for most families!



What you need to know:

- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90%. Families earning up to \$80,000 will get the new maximum percentage of 90%.
- Families earning over \$80,000 may get a subsidy starting from 90%. This will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income they earn above \$80,000. The CCS percentage they are entitled to depends on their family's income.
- The income limit for CCS is increasing to \$530,000.

CCS% based on combined family income



Families with more than one child aged 5 or under

Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can get a higher rate of CCS for one or more of their children.

What do families need to do?

In most cases, families don't need to do anything to get the increased rate. If they get CCS, the Government will apply the changes to their CCS automatically from 10 July 2023.

Child Care Subsidy activity test changes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

From 10 July 2023, there are changes to Child Care Subsidy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. The changes mean they can get at least 36 hours of subsidy per fortnight, regardless of their family's income or activity level. Families may get more than 36 hours of subsidy per fortnight based on their circumstances and the amount of recognised activity they do.

Changes to the CCS hourly rate cap for OSHC

The hourly cap rate will increase from \$11.15 to \$12.02 (for school-aged children)

This means that eligible families can claim CCS up to a maximum of \$12.02 per hour for OSHC for school aged children.

The hourly rate caps are adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

\$13.73

OSHC hourly rate cap for children below school age

\$12.02

OSHC hourly rate cap for school-age children

Learn more about hourly rate caps and see the current rates on the [DESE website](#).

Additional Child Care Subsidy

If families get Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) their rates will stay the same.

From 10 July 2023, the low income limit for ACCS Transition to Work (TTW) will increase to \$80,000. Families will still need to meet other ACCS TTW eligibility requirements.

How do I claim Child Care Subsidy?

1. Apply for CCS through Centrelink via your MyGov Portal.
2. Update your child's CRN with Camp Australia.
3. Confirm your enrolment with Centrelink.



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