



▶ Information for families using child care

Fact Sheet 6

How much Child Care Benefit (CCB) can I get?

Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a Government subsidy for families to reduce their child care fees. CCB is available to families using either approved or registered child care. Most families using approved child care receive this subsidy as a fee reduction at the time they pay their fees. Some receive it as a lump sum at the end of the year.

Your income level and care type determine how much CCB you can receive. If your income is too high, you will not receive any CCB for approved care, but you may still be eligible to receive the Child Care Rebate.

Families using approved care can access greater rates of CCB than families using registered care. Approved child care must meet additional requirements set by the Australian Government. This includes having a licence to operate, having qualified and trained staff, being open certain hours, and meeting health, safety and other quality standards as set out under the Australian Government Quality Assurance Accreditation system.

Note: You can now use the Centrelink/Family Assistance/Child Support/Child Care Estimator online to work out your possible entitlement to Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate for approved child care, available on the familyassist.gov.au or mychild.gov.au websites.

How much CCB do I get?

The amount you get depends on your circumstances:

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

How much CCB do I get for approved child care?

The information below contains the rates and income thresholds for the 2010-11 financial year.

- If your income is \$38,763 or less you may be able to get the maximum amount of CCB. This table shows the maximum amount of CCB you can get for a family with one, two or three children in care.

Number of non-school children in approved care	Maximum amount of CCB for 50 hours of care per non-school child	Maximum amount of CCB per hour per non-school child
	2010-2011	2010-2011
One	\$184.00	\$3.68
Two	\$384.55	\$3.84
Three	\$600.12	\$4.00
Each additional child	\$200.04	\$4.00

Note: depending on your circumstances (e.g. what type of child care service you use and the number of hours) you may be entitled to a different rate than stated. You should contact the Family Assistance Office for a more accurate assessment.

The circumstances that change the rate of CCB entitlement are:

- rates for school children are 85 per cent of the non-school child rates
- a higher percentage applies to non-school children attending a long day care service for less than 38 hours a week
- a higher standard hourly rate applies to children attending family day care and in home care services for less than 37.5 hours a week
- a higher non-standard hourly rate applies to children attending family day care and in home care services for any hours outside the service's standard hours
- eligible grandparents who have primary care of a child and receive an income support payment will receive full fee relief for each child in approved child care for up to 50 hours per child per week.

Note: If you receive an income support payment you may also get the maximum rate of CCB.

- If your income is above the income limits shown in the table below, you will not receive any CCB. However, if your CCB entitlement is zero due to income you may still be eligible for the Child Care Rebate (CCR).

CCB is not available over the following limits	
Number of children in approved care	Income limits for 2010-2011
One	\$134 443
Two	\$139 333
Three	\$157 329
Each additional child	\$29 721