

Child Care Subsidy



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From 2 July 2018, **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** will provide assistance to help you with the cost of child care. The CCS replaces the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

How does it work?

If you are eligible to receive the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), your entitlements will be paid **directly to the service** your child is attending. The service will then deduct CCS from your child's regular fees, leaving you with only a gap to pay for your child's enrolment.

Some basic requirements must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive Child Care Subsidy for a child. These include:

- the age of the child (must be 13 or under and not attending secondary school)
- the child must meet immunisation requirements
- the individual, or their partner, must meet the residency requirements.

How much will I receive?

Three things will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy:

1. A family's annual adjusted **taxable income** will determine the percentage of subsidy they are eligible for
2. An **activity test** will determine how many hours of subsidised care families can access, up to a maximum of 100 per fortnight, and
3. The **type of child care service** will determine the hourly rate cap.

The government has an online estimator to assist you with determining your expected entitlements. To work out how much money you may get, answer the questions available on the Centrelink website (click on 'Payment and Service Finder'):

https://www.centrelink.gov.au/custsite_pfe/pymtfinderest/paymentFinderEstimatorPage.jsf?wec-appid=pymtfinderest&wec-locale=en_US#stay

servicesaustralia.gov.au

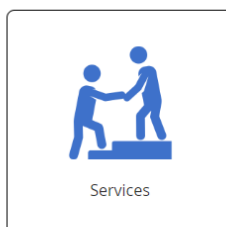
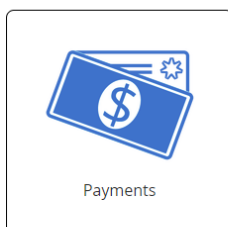
Payment and Service Finder

An online tool to see what payments and services you may be eligible for.

In your language

Help

What would you like to look for first?



Child Care Subsidy rates from 12 July

30 June 2021

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) rates are adjusted at the start of each financial year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The following rates will take effect from 12 July 2021:

Combined annual income

The amount of CCS a family can get depends on their combined annual income.

CCS family income thresholds	Subsidy %
Up to \$70,015	85%
More than \$70,015 to below \$175,015	Decreasing to 50%
\$175,015 to below \$254,305	50%
\$254,305 to below \$344,305	Decreasing to 20%
\$344,305 to below \$354,305	20%
\$354,305 or more	0%

The [current family income thresholds](#) are available on our website.

Annual cap

Families earning more than \$190,015 and under \$354,305 will have a subsidy cap of \$10,655 per year, per child. Families earning under \$190,015 will not have their CCS capped.

The [current annual cap](#) is available on our website.

From July 2022, we're removing the annual cap. Find out more about the [removal of the annual cap](#).

Hourly rate cap

The maximum hourly rate we subsidise is based on the type of service you run.

Service type	Hourly rate cap (children below school age)	Hourly rate cap (school-aged children)
Centre Based Day Care	\$12.31	\$10.77
Outside School Hours Care	\$12.31	\$10.77
Family Day Care	\$11.40	
In Home Care (per family)	\$33.47	

The [current hourly rate caps](#) are available on our website.

Please be aware of the Cap on Centre Fees, and take this into consideration when applying your entitlements to SA Montessori Preschool fees.



How to Apply for Child Care Subsidy

In order to apply for Child Care Subsidy, you will need a Centrelink CRN (Customer Reference Number).

If you have already set up a CRN with Centrelink:

You can usually find your CRN on any correspondence from Centrelink. You should already have a CRN if you have received Centrelink payments before. It would be noted in a letter from Centrelink. The CRN consists of 10 characters – 9 numbers and a letter in the end, for example, 123456789A. If you can't locate your CRN, please call Centrelink directly to obtain this.

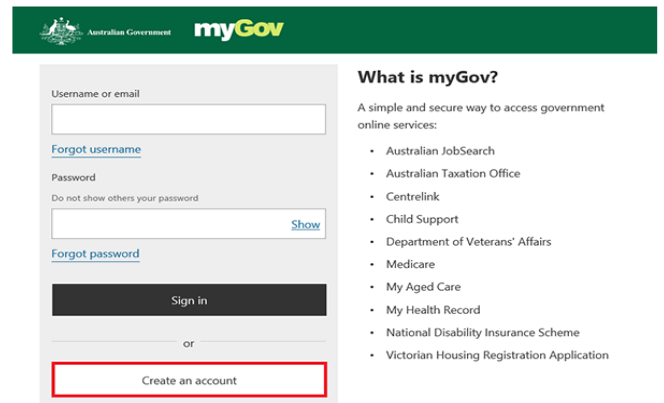
If you have never set up a CRN with Centrelink:

- You will need to visit a service centre to confirm your identity in order to receive a CRN. Make sure you have your ID with you. Please refer to the following link for further information about this: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/confirm-your-identity>
- During your visit, we recommend you also ask to set up a Centrelink online account.

Once you have your CRN, follow the steps below:

Step 1. Sign in to your myGov account. If you don't have one, you will need to create a myGov account.

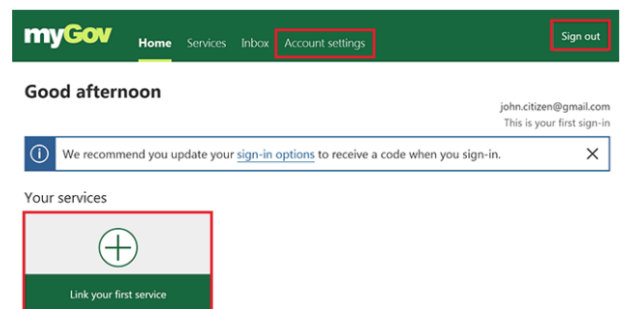
To create a MyGov account, go to www.my.gov.au and click on 'Create an account'. Follow the instructions from there.



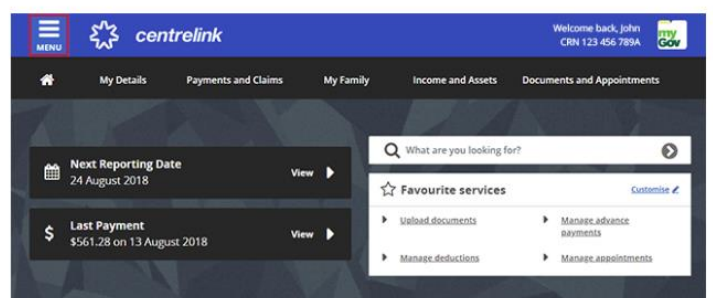
Step 2. Link myGov to Centrelink. You can do this under Account Settings.

To connect Centrelink with myGov, you will need an Online account with Centrelink OR a linking code that was given to you by Centrelink OR your **Customer reference number (CRN)**. If you don't have a CRN or a linking code and you haven't created a Centrelink account before, you will need to visit your nearest Centrelink office to receive either one,

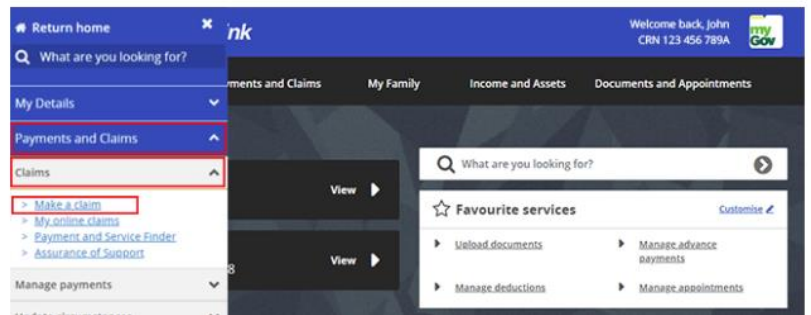
Please refer to the following link for further information: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/online-help/link-service-mygov-using-linking-code>



Step 3. Get into the Centrelink Account, and Select Menu from your homepage.

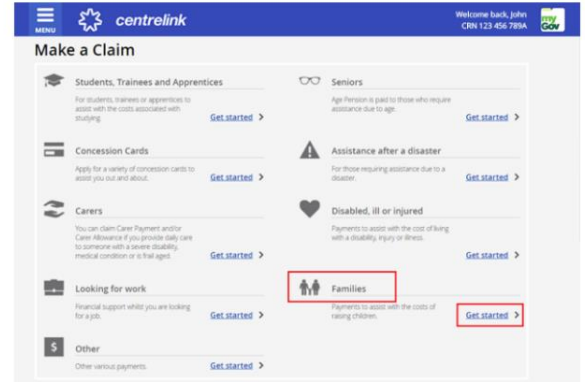


Step 4. Select Payments and Claims
Select Claims
Select Make a claim.



Step 5. On the Make a Claim page, select Get started in the Families category.

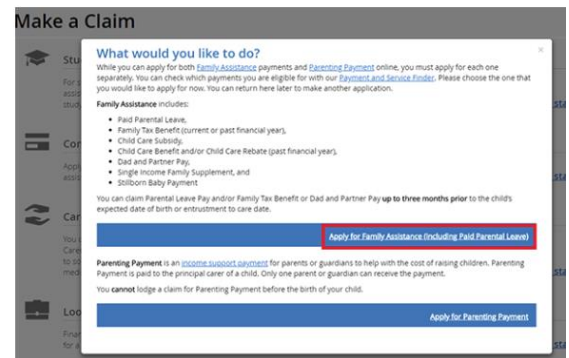
On the Make a Claim page, select **Get started** in the **Families** category.



Step 6. Select Apply for Family Assistance (including Paid Parental Leave).

Answer all the questions. You may need to work through more than 1 page.

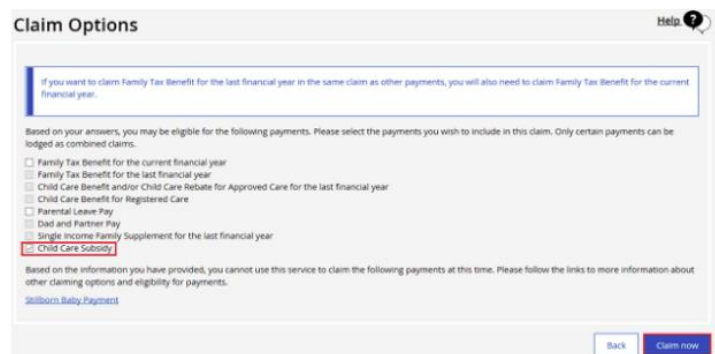
Then select Next.



Step 7. Claim for Child Care Subsidy

Select Child Care Subsidy, then select Claim now.

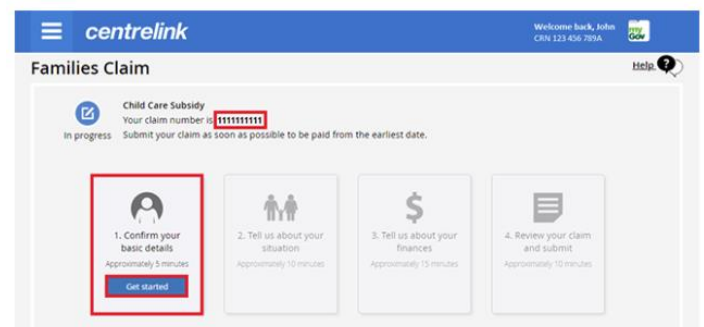
Check your details in My Profile to make sure they're up to date.



Step 8. Complete a Child Care Subsidy Assessment.

To begin your claim, select Get started in Confirm your basic details.

You will need to supply details about your situation and finances, and may need to provide supporting evidence. You will have the opportunity to Review your claim before submission.



For further information about applying for the Child Care Subsidy, please refer to the following:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/online-help/centrelink/claim-child-care-subsidy>