



Submit your session reports before 11:59 pm Sunday 5 April!

Please submit your final batch of session reports, relating to care provided in the fortnight ending 5 April, by 11:59pm Sunday night. This will ensure your session reports are processed prior to the system being closed with the commencement of the new payments under the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package.

Exactly how much will a service be paid under the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package?

The department is aware there has been some confusing language about 'subsidy' floating around.

To be clear – services will be paid 50 per cent of your fees charged in the reference fortnight, up to the rate cap.

So if you charged \$100,000 in fees that fortnight, and your fees are all below the rate cap, you would get \$50,000 fortnightly for the next six fortnights. However, because you will be paid weekly, you will be paid \$25,000.

If you charge fees above the rate cap, you will receive 50 per cent of the fees you charged up to the rate cap.

How do I know if JobKeeper applies to my business

While Treasury is still finalising guidelines, businesses can get [JobKeeper](#) Payment if it's revenue decreases by 30 per cent (or 50 per cent if your turnover is in excess of one billion dollars).

For almost all ECEC services, the move from 100 per cent fees charged in the reference period, to 50 per cent fees paid from next week, will be enough to meet this test.

At the moment, JobKeeper does not cover local council services, however we have heard the issues that have been raised with us today about ECEC services run by local councils, and we continue to work on this issue. We will come back to you with more advice on this issue as soon as possible.

If you are a sole trader (for example, a Family Day Care educator) you are still eligible. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit [JobKeeper Payment for sole traders](#).

What if I can't keep offering care at this level of support

The department is setting up a process whereby services that need higher levels of support to continue to offer care to workers and vulnerable children can ask for a higher percentage. Next week, a form will be available on our website enabling people to tell us why the current support is insufficient and to explain their situation.

If you think this might apply to you, you could look at what you will get based on 50 per cent of fees charged in the reference period, and whether [JobKeeper](#) will apply to you, and how much financial support JobKeeper will give your business.

This will support you to decide if you need to make an application once this form becomes available.

What if I have more children in my care now than I did during the reference period?

If you have more children in your care now than you had during the reference period, you can apply for a higher percent through the process mentioned above.

Can child care providers opt out of their CCS approval

If a child care provider wishes not to receive the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package, they should contact the relevant state and territory office. The contact details are:

New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory CCSAssessments-NSWACT@dese.gov.au

Victoria CCSAssessments-VIC@dese.gov.au

Queensland CCSAssessments-QLD@dese.gov.au

Western Australia CCSAssessments-WA@dese.gov.au

South Australia ChildcareSA@dese.gov.au

Tasmania ChildcareTasmania@dese.gov.au

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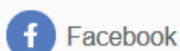
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