

Child Care Subsidy is starting again soon – are your families ready?

Dear Provider

Please forward the below information to your families.

Families who were receiving Child Care Subsidy (CCS) before 6 April 2020 need to ensure they have stayed eligible and their enrolment is current for their CCS to start again.

Families who are new to child care should claim CCS now to avoid paying full fees from 13 July 2020.

This email contains information to help families at your service understand what they need to do.

If you receive questions, you should encourage families to visit the <u>Services Australia</u> website.

Kind regards Stakeholder Communication Team

Dear Families

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is starting again on 13 July 2020.

If you were receiving CCS before 6 April 2020, it will automatically start again if you've stayed eligible and your enrolment is current and confirmed.

Follow these five steps to make sure you've stayed eligible and receive the right amount of CCS:

- 1. Give Centrelink your <u>2020–21 family income estimate</u> to receive the correct CCS percentage and avoid an overpayment.
- 2. Check your <u>activity hours</u> to receive the correct amount of hours of CCS per fortnight*.
- 3. Make sure your child meets immunisation requirements.
- 4. Check your child's <u>enrolment details</u> are current with your child care service and re-enrol if you need to.
- 5. Confirm your income for 2018–19 if you haven't already by 30 June 2020.

*From 13 July 2020, the Australian Government is easing the activity test for CCS. This means you may be able to apply for extra activity hours if COVID-19 has affected you. There will be more information about how to do this in July.

If you're <u>new to child care</u>, you should <u>claim</u> CCS as soon as possible. From 13 July 2020, you'll pay full fees unless you're getting CCS.

For more information, visit <u>Services Australia</u>.

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment has created an information sheet for <u>families about the transition arrangements for the end of the Early Childhood</u>
<u>Education and Care Relief Package</u> and the return to CCS.

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