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BREAKING: Business continuity payments for child care services in the ACT

Child care services in the Australian Capital Territory will get fortnightly business continuity payments from today (Monday 23 August) until lockdown is lifted.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Education Minister Alan Tudge [announced the measure](#) in response to the impact of extended lockdowns because of COVID-19.

Child care

Centre Based Day Care, Family Day Care and In Home Care services will get fortnightly payments of 25% of their pre-lockdown revenue calculated up to the hourly cap.

The reference fortnight for calculating your revenue is 17 to 30 May 2021.

Outside School Hours Care

OSHC services will get separate fortnightly payments of 40% of their pre-lockdown revenue calculated up to the hourly cap.

The reference fortnight for calculating your revenue is 17 to 30 May 2021.

Vacation care

Vacation care services will get separate fortnightly payments of 40% of their pre-lockdown revenue calculated up to the hourly cap.

The reference fortnight for calculating your revenue is 26 June to 11 July.

Eligible areas

All services across care types in the ACT are eligible for business continuity payments if they meet the conditions outlined.

Conditions

Business continuity payments are contingent on services:

- having reasonable expectations attendance will drop below 50%
- not accessing other Commonwealth Government funded business supports
- waiving gap fees for all families whose children are not attending
- maintaining staffing levels, and
- agreeing to a fee freeze for the duration of business continuity payments.

Payments continue until the hotspot declaration ends.

How to apply

We will provide details about how to apply and how payments will be made soon.

Gap fee waivers and additional allowable absences

Services in the ACT can [waive gap fees and access additional allowable absences](#).

Business continuity payments are in addition to these measures.

More information

[Read more about these business continuity payments.](#)

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