What is registered child care?

Fact sheet 5

Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a payment from the Australian Government that helps you with the cost of your child care.

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Registered care is child care provided by grandparents or other relatives, friends or nannies who are registered as carers with the Department of Human Services.

Only an individual can be registered; not a service.

You and your partner need to be working or looking for work, training, or studying to get registered care. There are some exemptions.

Where is registered care provided?

Registered care may be provided by individuals in:

- the child’s or carer’s home
- preschools
- kindergartens
- some outside school hours care services
- some occasional care centres.

Carers or teachers in these services must be registered with the Department of Human Services. All registered carers must comply with any relevant state or territory child care laws.

Registered carers are not considered CCB approved child care services by the Government because they do not, or choose not to, meet the minimum operating hours or participate in the Government’s National Quality Framework.
Can I get Child Care Benefit (CCB) if I use registered care?

Yes, if you are eligible and you and your partner meet the work, training, study test or have an exemption.

To receive CCB, however, your carer must be registered with the Department of Human Services.

Can I get Child Care Rebate (CCR) if I use registered care?

No, you must use CCB approved child care to meet the CCR eligibility requirements.

Table 1: Registered Care Child Care Benefit Rate for 2016-17

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Note: The registered care rate for a school child is 85 per cent of the rate for a non-school child.

How do I meet the work, training, study test for registered care?

For registered care you and your partner only have to participate in work, training or study related commitments at some time during a week or have an exemption. No minimum number of hours is required.

How do I get CCB for registered care?

To get your CCB, take your child care receipts (given to you by your registered carer) to the Department of Human Services and complete the Claim for Child Care Benefit for Registered Care Form (FA018)¹. The Government will pay your CCB into your bank account after you submit a claim.

Your carer cannot receive CCB on your behalf.

You must claim your CCB within 12 months of when the care was provided.

If you use a combination of CCB approved care and registered care you need to claim CCB separately for each type of care.

¹ www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/forms/la018
How do I become a registered carer for CCB purposes?

To become a registered carer you need to:

- apply to the Department of Human Services
- meet the minimum age requirement of 18 or have a qualification that is issued by a provider registered in a state or territory as being accredited to issue the qualification including:
  1. nanny
  2. child care or
  3. home-based help
- have a Tax File Number
- meet and maintain any relevant State or Territory licensing requirements and restrictions on becoming a registered carer.

How can I get more information?

To access your details or check your eligibility for child care payments, please contact the Department of Human Services by:

- visiting Department of Human Services families website
- logging on to your Centrelink online account through myGov and selecting ‘Child Care’ and then ‘View Child Care Details and Payments’. If you do not have a myGov account, you can create one by visiting myGov and then linking it to your Centrelink online account
- using the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app and selecting ‘Child Care’. Express Plus Centrelink is available for Apple devices with iOS7+ on the App Store and Android devices with version 4.0 and above on Google Play
- visiting a service centre
- calling 136 150, or
  - Teletypewriter (TTY) service on 1800 810 586 if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. You need a TTY phone to use this service
  - 131 202 if you need information in a language other than English.


3 https://my.gov.au/
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Useful resources

Other useful resources include:

- for news and information on child care visit the MyChild website[^4]
- to estimate and compare payments access the Child Care Estimator[^5]

[^4]: www.mychild.gov.au