

Long Day Care & Child Care Subsidy

Changes to Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

From July 2023, the Australian Government will be increasing Child Care Subsidy (CCS) rates for families.

This is great news for families, with the changes going some way towards making child care more affordable and inclusive for Australian Families.

Some of the key changes include:

- Lifting the maximum CCS rate to 90% for families earning \$80,000 or less
- Increasing CCS rates for around 96% of families with a child in care earning under \$530,000
- If you earn over \$80,000, your CCS percentage will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income your family earns. You'll either get more subsidy or have no change to your entitlement. The CCS percentage you're entitled to depends on your family's income.
- Investing \$33.7 million to increase subsidised Early Childhood Education and Care to a minimum of 36 hours per fortnight for families with First Nations children

These changes are in addition to the higher sibling subsidy that was introduced in May 2023.

Use the [Child Care Subsidy Estimator](#) to find out how much subsidy you may be eligible for.

For more information, you may refer to the Department of Education website's '[Cheaper Child Care](#)' fact sheet.



Changes to Long Day Care Fees and Payment Cycles

Long Day Care Fees

- Hume City Council Long Day Care fees will increase to **\$118** per day and **\$531** per week for full time children as of Monday 10 July 2023. This is the full fee rate before the CCS is applied.
- The payment cycle will move to a fortnightly billing cycle for all families as of Monday 10 July 2023 - all families will be charged fortnightly for the following two weeks.
- The last fee charging for the 2022/2023 financial year will be up to Friday 7 July 2023 to align with the new CCS changes.
- New Child Care Subsidy changes will come into effect from 10 July 2023 - see attached fact sheet from Services Australia.

Please speak with your Centre Coordinator for any questions that you may have regarding these changes and if you have any queries/issues regarding payment cycles.