

Hume City Council Long Day Care & Occasional Care Services

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (CCS)

Making Child Care More Affordable for Families

The Australian Government's Child Care Subsidy (CCS) helps eligible families with the cost of approved childcare. Hume City Council's Long Day Care and Occasional Care services are approved CCS services, allowing eligible families to receive subsidy payments that reduce their childcare fees.

How is CCS Calculated?

Your Child Care Subsidy is based on three main factors:

1. Family Income

The subsidy percentage increases or decreases based on your combined annual family income. Families with lower incomes generally receive a higher subsidy rate. The maximum subsidy rate can be up to 90% for eligible families.

2. Activity Level

The number of subsidised hours your family can access depends on recognised activities undertaken by parents or guardians, including:

- Employment
- Self-employment
- Study or training
- Volunteering
- Looking for work

The more recognised activity you undertake, the more subsidised hours you may receive.

3. Child Care Fees

CCS is calculated using:

- Your subsidy percentage
- The number of hours of care attended
- The Government's hourly rate cap
- The fees charged by your childcare service

The subsidy is paid directly to your childcare service, and you only pay the remaining gap fee.

Estimate Your CCS

Families can estimate their Child Care Subsidy entitlement using the Child Care Subsidy Calculator available through Services Australia.

https://www.centrelink.gov.au/apps/clkonline_cof/payment-service-finder/payments-finder

Before You Start

Please ensure:

- ✓ Your Centrelink details are up to date
- ✓ Your family income estimate is accurate
- ✓ You confirm your child's enrolment through your Centrelink online account or Express Plus Centrelink app.

Need Support with CCS?

Services Australia (Centrelink)

 Families Line: 136 150

 Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy