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CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

What is the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)?

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) assists families with the cost of approved education and care (child care) fees. Collegiate ELC, OSHC and Kindergarten are approved for eligible families to claim CCS for the provision of education and care. CCS is generally paid directly to the approved education and care provider, being passed on to families as a fee reduction.

Some basic requirements must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive CCS for their child. These include:

- The age of the child;
- The child meeting immunisation requirements;
- The individual, or their partner, meeting the residency requirements listed in the legislation;
- Level of combined annual income.

In addition, to be eligible for CCS, the individual must be liable to pay for care provided, the care must be delivered in Australia by an approved child care provider, and not be part of a compulsory education program.

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Three things determine a family's level of CCS:

1. A family's annual adjusted taxable income determines the percentage of subsidy they are eligible for;
2. An activity test determines how many hours of subsidised care families can access, up to a maximum of 100 per fortnight; and
3. The type of child care service determines the hourly rate cap.

How can families apply for and confirm their eligibility for CCS?

CCS must be applied for each child individually via myGov.

Unfortunately, this is not something Collegiate can do on behalf of families. To apply for and confirm eligibility for CCS, families must:

- Sign into their Centrelink online account through myGov.
- Select Make a claim, then Start a new claim.
- Work through the steps to provide your current details.

Once you have completed the submission, please ensure you verify your child's enrolment. Once you have confirmed your child's enrolment at Collegiate ELC, OSHC and/or Kindergarten, you will receive a Reference ID and your child's CCS status will move from 'pending' to 'confirmed'. Please note, until this occurs, CCS will not be applied and from 2 July 2018, CCS is only back paid for a maximum of 28 days.

Families must also ensure that, upon enrolment, each child and the connected parent's date of birth and CRN are included in the Enrolment Form and are confirmed with Collegiate ELC, OSHC and/or Kindergarten. Where this information is not provided, the application of CCS will be impacted.

Further Information

For information regarding CCS, including eligibility requirements and income assessment guidelines, please refer to the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training and the Department of Human Services.