How to claim the Child Care Rebate
- You will need to apply for the Child Care Benefit first. There is no separate claim form for the Child Care Rebate.
- You will automatically be assessed and paid if you are eligible when you apply for the Child Care Benefit (even if you are assessed at a zero rate for the Child Care Benefit due to your family’s income).

The Child Care Rebate is an additional payment to the Child Care Benefit which helps families to cover the out-of-pocket costs of child care.

You can apply for the Child Care Benefit in person or online through Centrelink. To apply online visit: humanservices.gov.au/childcarebenefit

Child Care Rebate payments will be made once Centrelink has received child care attendance details from your child care service/s.

How much could you get?
To find out how much Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate you could receive, use the child care estimator on www.humanservices.gov.au/estimators or call 13 24 68.

Examples of how Child Care Rebate works

Nick and Kate
- Nick and Kate both work full time and meet all of the eligibility requirements for Child Care Benefit however their family income is too high to receive any Child Care Benefit.
- Their first child, Ben, is in Outside School Hours Care, which costs $102.50 per week, $4,920 over the year.
- Their second child, Sam, is in Long Day Care, which costs, $310 per week, $14,880 over the year.

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This means that child care fees are reduced by $9,920 and Nick and Kate pay only $4,920 over the year.

* This example is based on 48 weeks of care.

James and Sally
- James works full time and his partner Sally is studying. Their family income means they receive some Child Care Benefit.
- Their first child, David, goes to Outside School Hours Care, which costs $85 per week, $2,550 for the year.
- Their second child, Bella, is in Family Day Care, which costs $200 per week, $6,000 for the year.

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This means that child care fees are reduced by $5,250 and James and Sally pay only $3300 over the year.

* This example is based on 30 weeks of care.

For more information
Visit australia.gov.au/mychild or call 13 24 68.
You are eligible for the Child Care Rebate if:

- You are responsible for your child's care costs.
- You must be the principal applicant for your child's care.
- Your child is of a prescribed age and meet the eligibility requirements.
- Your child is attending approved child care.
- Your child is in approved child care services.
- Your child is at least 1 year and 6 months old.
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