

Childcare Subsidy

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Childcare Subsidy is a payment that helps families with the cost of **pre-school** childcare.

Who can get it

You may get a Childcare Subsidy if you are:

- the main carer of a dependent child
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

You should also normally live in New Zealand and intend to stay here.

It also depends on how much you and your spouse or partner earn.

The child must be:

- aged under five years old (or under six years if you get a Child Disability Allowance for them)
- attending an early childhood programme for three or more hours a week.

A Childcare Subsidy is normally paid for up to nine hours of childcare a week. In some situations you may be able to get up to 50 hours a week. We can tell you about these situations when you contact us.

If you are claiming 20 Hours Early Childhood Education you can't get Childcare Subsidy for those hours.

Below are the Childcare Subsidy income *abatement thresholds and maximum rates* at 1 April 2009.

Number of children	Gross weekly income	Childcare Subsidy (per hour, per child)	Childcare Subsidy (per week, per child for 50 hours)
1	Less than \$1,274.00	\$3.63	\$181.50
	\$1,274.00 to \$1,379.99	\$2.52	\$126.00
	\$1,380.00 to \$1,485.99	\$1.40	\$70.00
	\$1,486.00 or more	nil	nil
2	Less than \$1,465.00	\$3.63	\$181.50
	\$1,465.00 to \$1,580.99	\$2.52	\$126.00
	\$1,581 to \$1,697.99	\$1.40	\$70.00
	\$1,698.00 or more	nil	nil
3 or more	Less than \$1,634.00	\$3.63	\$181.50
	\$1,634.00 to \$1,771.99	\$2.52	\$126.00
	\$1,772.00 to 1,909.99	\$1.40	\$70.00
	\$1,910.00 or more	nil	nil