

Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Subsidy

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Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Subsidy is a payment which helps families with the costs of before- and after-school programmes, and school holiday programmes.

It helps with the costs of before- and after-school programmes for up to 20 hours a week, and school holiday programmes of up to 50 hours a week.

Who can get it

You may get an OSCAR Subsidy if you:

- are the main carer of a dependent child
- don't have a partner who can provide childcare
- are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

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

The child or young person must be:

- aged five to 13 years old (or up to 18 years if you get a Child Disability Allowance for them)
- attending an approved OSCAR programme for three or more hours a week.

The child should also normally live in New Zealand.

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