

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

A QUICK GUIDE FOR THE LUMA LEARNER FAMILIES

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is financial assistance from the Australian Government to help eligible families with the cost of approved childcare.

If you are eligible, Services Australia pays the subsidy directly to The Luma Learners, and you only pay the remaining gap fee.

Who can receive CCS?

To be eligible, families generally need to:

- ✓ Care for a child aged 13 years or younger (or meet exemption requirements)
- ✓ Use an approved childcare service, such as The Luma Learners
- ✓ Meet Australian residency requirements
- ✓ Ensure their child has up-to-date immunisations (or has an approved exemption)
- ✓ Meet the Child Care Subsidy activity test (work, study, training, volunteering or other recognised activities).

The amount of CCS you receive depends on:

- Your combined family income
- Your recognised activity hours
- The type of approved childcare you use
- The hourly rate Cap set by the Australian Government

What if I don't apply:

Families are welcome to enrol without claiming CCS. If you choose not to apply, you will simply pay the full daily fee.

5 steps to CCS

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Create or log in to your myGov account.

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Link your myGov account to Centrelink.

3

Complete a Child Care Subsidy Assessment through Centrelink.

You will be asked questions about:

- ✓ Your family income
- ✓ Your work or study arrangements
- ✓ Your child's details
- ✓ Your residency

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Once your assessment is complete, Centrelink will advise:

- ✓ Your CCS percentage
- ✓ Your approved activity hours
- ✓ Your annual subsidy entitlement

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Enrol your child at The Luma Learners.

Once your enrolment is created, you will receive a notification in myGov to confirm it.

This step is very important.

Your Child Care Subsidy cannot be paid until your enrolment has been confirmed.

Before Your Child Starts

Please make sure you have:

- ✓ Applied for CCS
- ✓ Received your CCS assessment
- ✓ Accepted your enrolment through myGov
- ✓ Provided your child's immunisation details
- ✓ Completed all enrolment forms with The Luma Learners

Need Help?

Applying for CCS can sometimes feel overwhelming, but we're here to help. If you have questions about:

- Enrolment
- Completing your forms
- Understanding your CCS assessment
- Confirming your enrolment

Please speak with our friendly team.

We're always happy to guide you through the process.

Helpful Tips



Apply for CCS BEFORE your child starts care to avoid delays.



Keep your income estimate up to date throughout the year.



Update Centrelink if your work, study or family circumstances change.



Check your myGov inbox regularly for important notifications.