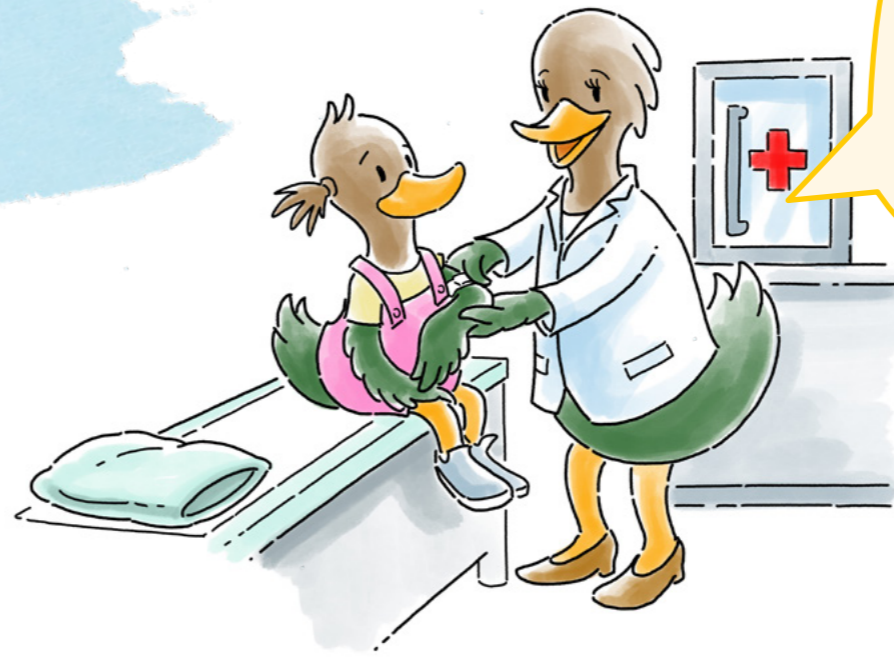


The costs explained

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Is your child immunised?

Your child must be fully immunised, on a catch-up immunisation schedule according to the current Australian Immunisation Handbook or have a valid exemption at the time you make your very first claim for a Child Care Benefit. Visit bit.ly/2zx7HEA or drop into Woodridge Centrelink for details.

What will kindy cost? Maybe not as much as you think.

Kindy fees vary depending on the centre so it's important to contact your local kindy for details on their fee structure. The good news is there are many ways to lower the cost of attending kindy.

Low or no-cost kindy is provided to eligible families who:



Are parents, a child or a foster family with a current Australian Government Health Care Card.



Identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does).



Have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

Special Child Care Benefit

Special Child Care Benefit can help where there is a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect, or for families with exceptional cases of short term financial hardship which has substantially reduced their capacity to pay child care fees.

Adult Migrant English Program

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English language training to eligible, newly arrived migrants and humanitarian entrants. Eligible families can access free child care for under school age children while they are in the program.

Child Care Rebate

Once you are eligible for the Child Care Benefit, you may receive additional assistance through the Child Care Rebate. To be eligible you must be working, studying or training at some time during the week or have an exemption. The Child Care Rebate covers 50 per cent of your out-of-pocket costs up to the annual limit, regardless of your income.

Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance

Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance provides extra help if you are a parent on an income support payment and looking for work, studying or starting a job.

Grandparent Child Care Benefit

Grandparent Child Care Benefit helps grandparents who are primary carers for their grandchildren and who receive an income support payment. Grandparent Child Care Benefit pays the full cost of child care fees for each child in Child Care Benefit approved care for up to 50 hours a week.

Other cost-reducing options available for 2018 include:

Families of children participating in a kindergarten program at Long Daycare may also be eligible for Commonwealth Government rebates such as the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. Ask your kindy about how to apply.

Child Care Benefit

Child Care Benefit (CCB) is an income-tested payment which reduces the cost of your total child care fees. It is available to you if you are a parent, foster parent or grandparent with a child in your care who is attending child care approved for the purposes of Child Care Rebate or registered with the Government.



To check your eligibility and find out more information, pop into your local Centrelink or kindy, or visit the Human Services website at bit.ly/2iK4tqM

Benefits and eligibilities will change from July 1, 2018. Ask your kindy contact or talk to Centrelink about the changes.