



Australian Government



3 Day Guarantee

From 5 January 2026, all Child Care Subsidy eligible families can get at least 72 hours of subsidised child care per fortnight.

Families can get 100 hours of subsidised child care each fortnight for each child if they:

- are caring for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child
- have more than 48 hours each fortnight of recognised participation
- have an exemption or experience exceptional circumstances, or
- receive Additional Child Care Subsidy child wellbeing, temporary financial hardship or grandparent payments.

Families who want to get more than 72 hours may need to report their recognised participation to Services Australia.

Families are not guaranteed a place with a provider. Families will still need to secure a place with their chosen child care service.

Families must still pay a gap fee, except in certain circumstances.



Providers and services

Find out more on the Department of Education website.



Families

To find out more and lodge a claim, visit the Services Australia website.