



**Tens of  
thousands of  
children qualify  
for childcare  
supports**

# **More Affordable Childcare Starts Now**

**Your quick  
and easy guide**



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# What You Need To Know

From September, children between the ages of 6 months and 36 months in Tusla-registered childcare will qualify for childcare supports, with further childcare supports for many more children under 15 years old.



**Every Child.  
Every Family.  
Every Region.**

# Making Childcare More Affordable

As every parent knows, the cost of childcare is generally highest when children are under 3 years old – because more hours of care are needed and it is more expensive to provide quality childcare for very young children.

So, to help families meet that cost, the Government is introducing new childcare supports for children between the ages of 6 months and 36 months (or until the child qualifies for the free pre-school programme if that is later).

In addition, new increased childcare supports will be available to families on lower incomes who have children under 15 years old in Tusla-registered childcare.

## Remember:

These childcare supports are available to **everyone**, in **every region** of the country.

They apply to children in Tusla-registered childcare only (including crèches, preschools, day-care centres and registered child-minders.)

There will be **no minimum number of hours** and **no maximum number of weeks** of childcare per year.

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