

What supports are available for my family?

There are both universal and targeted supports available. A universal subsidy of up to €1,040 a year is available to all children under 3 years of age in registered childcare. (Please see overleaf for more details on the 'universal' subsidy)

Up to €145 per week is available for children up to 15 years of age for eligible families that need it most. The table below summarises the rates, eligibility and levels of service available. These rates are for guidance purposes only, and certain terms and conditions may apply, which you will find in the Programme Rules Document on affordablechildcare.ie

Did you know supports are available for Parents on training courses and return to work schemes? Go to affordablechildcare.ie to find out more



	Band A (with medical card unless otherwise stated)	Band AJ (with medical card)	Band B	Band D	
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Parent Family Payment Widows/Widowers Pension Farm Assist State Pension Blind Pension Guardian's Payment Illness/Injury Benefit Disability Allowance Carer's Benefit/Allowance Back to Work Enterprise/Education Allowance Community Employment/Rural Social Scheme Domiciliary Care Allowance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Income Supplement (FIS) Secondary Students Invalidity Pension Disablement Pension Official Tusla Referrals (no medical card required) HSE Public Health Nurse referrals (no medical card required) TÚS Part-time Job Incentive Scheme Gateway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Seeker's Benefit/ Allowance* Supplementary Welfare Allowance** <p>*parents who qualify for Band AJ under Jobseeker's allowance/benefit receive maximum subvented childcare of €80 for full day care per week.</p> <p>**parents who qualify for Band AJ under Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments receive maximum subvented childcare of €80 for full day care per week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Card Parents who are in receipt of Social Welfare payments listed under Band A/AJ but have no medical card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP Visit Card (over 6yrs+only)*** Parents who no longer qualify for Band A/AJ this year but who were verified as being on Band A/AJ at the end of the previous school year <p>***Please note GP visit card for children 0-6 years of age does not qualify for CCS/CCSP subvention funding.</p>
Weekly rate					
(Full-Day payment (5 hrs +))	€145	€80	€70	€50	
(Part-time payment (3:31-5:00 hrs))	€80	€80	€35	€25	
(Sessional payment (2:16-3:30 hrs))	€45	€45	€25	€17	
(Half-session payment (1:15-2:15 hrs))	€22.50	€22.50	€12.50	€8.50	



Universal Subsidy

The universal band will be available for all children between the ages of 6 months and the time at which they may start ECCE (free pre-school) programme, and who are not receiving any targeted CCS subvention. This is not means-tested and is available to families with children in Tusla-registered childcare - either community or private services. For more information go to affordablechildcare.ie

To qualify, the parent must provide both the child and parent PPS number. The available rates are outlined in this table.

CCS Session Type	Universal Subsidy (CCSU) (Weekly Subsidy)
Full Time (i.e. 5.01 or more hours)	€20
Part-time (i.e. 3.31 to 5 hours)	€10
Sessional (i.e. 2.16 to 3.30 hours)	€7
Half-sessional (i.e. 1 to 2.15 hours)	€3.50



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If you have any further questions please email us at affordable_childcare@dcya.gov.ie



Need support with your childcare costs?

Up to €145 per week for children up to 15 years of age.