

The Australian Government has payments available to families to assist with the cost of child care - the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS) introduced from 2nd July 2018.

CCS will be administered according to Commonwealth Government guidelines outlined in the Child Care Service Handbook (NQS QA 7).

It is the responsibility of families to contact Centrelink to enquire about their eligibility for CCS and to maintain current assessment. This contact includes the family notifying Centrelink of their intention to use the Service and provide an estimate of their income and activity (refer to Centrelink for more information on the 'Income' & 'Activity' test).

Child Care Subsidy is available to eligible families including Kindergarten families choosing Option 1,2 or 5 and is taken directly off your child care or Kinder fees. Please contact Centrelink to check your eligibility prior to enrolment. Child Care Subsidy amounts are forwarded directly to the Service in arrears after a child's attendance.

Child Care Subsidy amounts are decided by Centrelink not Young Adventurers Early Childhood Education Services.

Our Service requires payment from families two weeks in advance and is based on a Child Care Subsidy estimate only. Any failure by Centrelink to forward Child Care Subsidy amounts to the Service due to a parents/guardians eligibility including the amount of child care subsidy paid to the Service will result in the parent/guardian being billed for this outstanding amount.

As part of the Government's new Child Care Subsidy package some families may be eligible for greater fee assistance during times of disadvantage. Families can enquire directly with Centrelink.

Services are required to obtain information from parents/guardians in order to be able to pass on any Child Care Subsidy payments this includes the parent/guardian and child's Centrelink Reference Numbers (CRN's) and date of birth. This information is collected during enrolment and used by the Service to link any Child Care Subsidy payments from Centrelink to the Service's compulsory Child Care Management Software program.

Parents/guardians will be responsible for confirming their enrolment/booking details via the MyGov app or directly with Centrelink before any Child Care Subsidy payments will be made to the Service on families behalf. For more information please contact Centrelink.

References:

www.mychild.gov.au

Child Care Service Handbook 2012-2013

Commonwealth Family Assistance Law