

FACT SHEET FOR FAMILIES: JOBS FOR FAMILIES PACKAGE

What is the Jobs for Families package?

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In **July 2018** the Australian Government will introduce a new child care subsidy regime, known as the Jobs for Families (JfF) package.

The new system will roll the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) into one payment, called the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).



The JfF package will offer increased financial support to many Australian working families using Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services – that is, long day care, family day care and kindergarten programs.

What are the key changes for families?

As this stage we know that the JfF package:

- will introduce a new mean-tested Child Care Subsidy (CCS), to replace the former Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR). The means test will take into account the combined family income as well as an 'activity test' which assesses the number of combined hours that parents are in work, training, study or other recognised activity undertaken per fortnight.
- will provide increased financial support to many working families where both parents meet the activity test with children in Early Childhood Education & Care (ECEC) services
 - 85% rebate for families with combined income of up to \$65,710
 - tapering to 50% rebate for combined incomes of up to \$170,710
 - 50% rebate for incomes between \$170,710 and \$250,000
 - tapering to 20% from \$250,000 to \$350,000
 - no rebate for families with a combined income of over \$350,000
- will not provide any financial support to those families with only one parent working and an income above \$65,710
- will include a '[Child Care Safety Net](#)' which aims to provide assistance to those families that are identified as disadvantaged and vulnerable to ensure that their children have access to a minimum of 24 hours of ECEC services per fortnight

Transition from old to new system

In the months leading up to the rollout of the new child care subsidy regime in July 2018, Centrelink will contact families directly to provide information on current entitlements and how they may change under new arrangements. This may include asking families for additional information, to ensure that they move onto the new payment system smoothly.

For more information about the Jobs for Families package, visit the Federal Government's Department of Education website at <https://www.education.gov.au/jobsforfamilies>