



# COVID-19: Transition to Child Care Subsidy

The Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package (Relief Package) has been extended until 12 July 2020 to continue to keep services viable and to provide care for families of essential workers and vulnerable children.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) will recommence from 13 July 2020, along with a relaxed activity test for families and a new Transition Payment for providers. This means that from 13 July 2020, parents will return to making their co-contribution to child care fees.

Families who have had their hours of activity reduced because of COVID-19 will have access to up to 100 hours of subsidised child care per fortnight up until 4 October 2020. To access this, families must update their activity levels with Services Australia. This can be done through their [Centrelink online account](#) through [myGov](#) or the [Express Plus Centrelink mobile app](#).

Additionally, a Transition Payment will be made to all approved providers who received CCS previously, including services operated by state, territory and local governments.

Transition Payments are 25 per cent of providers' fee revenue or the existing hourly rate cap, whichever is lower, in the relevant reference period. This is the same reference period that has been used during the Relief Package (the fortnight preceding 2 March 2020, and for services providing vacation care only the period between Term 3 and Term 4 in 2019).

Transition Payments will be made for the period 13 July 2020 to 27 September 2020.

To receive the Transition Payment, services must continue to employ staff who were working or being paid JobKeeper at the end of the Relief Package. Services must also maintain the same fees charged in the relevant reference period (as above).

JobKeeper will cease from 20 July 2020 for employees of a CCS approved service and for sole traders operating a child care service or providing education and care for child care providers.

For more information go to the Department of Education Skills and Employment [webpage](#) or the Early Childhood Education and Care COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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