



MORE AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE A Guide for Parents



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FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

EVERY FAMILY will be eligible for financial childcare support for ANY child aged between 6-36 months in full or part-time Tusla registered childcare and in contract with DCYA. **This subsidy will not be MEANS TESTED and therefore will be available for families at any income level.**

The **Universal Subsidy** will be available for all children between the ages of six months and the time at which they are **eligible** for the free pre-school programme and who are **not** receiving any targeted CCS subvention.

Further childcare supports will be available for many more children up to the age of **15 years**.

CAN I GET HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS

**If you are a
parent/guardian
who:**

- Holds a Medical Card or GP Visit Card
- Is on Low Income
- Is in School
- In Further Education
- Job Training
- In Receipt of a Social Welfare Payment

**THEN YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE
FOR ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR
CHILDCARE COSTS**

CHECK THE TABLE BELOW TO VIEW WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU

	Band A (With Medical Card unless otherwise stated)	Bank 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 Person • 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 • 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"> • Jobseeker's Benefit/Allowance* • Supplementary Welfare Allowance** 	<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/A this year but who were verified as being on Band A/AJ at the end of the previous school year

WEEKLY RATE

Full Day Payment 5 Hrs +	€145	€80	€70	€50
Part-Time Payment (3.31-5.00)	€80	€80	€35	€25
Sessional Payment (2.16 – 3.30)	€45	€45	€25	€17
Half Session Payment (1.15 – 2.15)	€22.50	€22.50	€12.50	€8.50

* Parents who qualify for Band AJ under jobseeker's allowance/benefit receive maximum subvented childcare of €80 for full day care per week

** Parents who qualify for Band AJ under Supplementary Welfare Allowance receive maximum subvented childcare of €80 for full day care per week.

*** Please note GP Visit Card for children 0-6 years of age does not qualify for CCS/CCSP

NEW UNIVERSAL SUBSIDY

The new universal band will be available for all children between the ages of 6 months and the time at which they are eligible to start the free pre-school programme, and who are **not** receiving any targeted CCS subvention. This is not means-tested and is available to families and children in Tusla-registered childcare either in community or private services.

TO QUALIFY:

The parent must provide both the child and parent PPS number to the childcare provider.

The available rates are outlined in the table below

CCS SESSION TYPE	UNIVERSAL BAND (CCS BAND U) WEEKLY SUBSIDY
Full-Time (5 or more hours)	€20
Part-Time (3.31 to 5 hours)	€10
Sessional (2.16 to 3.30 hours)	€7
Half Sessional (1 to 2.15 hours)	€3.50

HELPFUL CONTACTS & LINKS

<http://affordablechildcare.ie>

<http://affordablechildcare.ie/am-i-eligible-for-assistance-with-my-childcare-costs/>

or

Contact Your Local Childcare Committee



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