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Fact Sheet 7

What is the Child Care Benefit (CCB) work, training, study test?

To determine how many hours of CCB you can get, the Australian Government has the work, training, study test—for both approved and registered care. The work, training study test also determines eligibility for the Child Care Tax Rebate.

The work, training, study test looks at whether you, and your partner if you have one, need child care for a work related commitment.

What is a work related commitment?

This is one or more of these activities:

- paid work
- self employment
- setting up a business
- training or studying
- looking for work
- voluntary work to improve your work skills.

How do I meet the test for approved care?

If you are using approved care, you will get up to 24 hours of CCB per child per week without having to meet the work, training, study test. However to claim between 24 and 50 hours of CCB per child per week, you have to show that you* have been involved in work related commitments for:

- at least 15 hours a week or
- 30 hours a fortnight or
- have an exemption.

* and your partner if you have one.

Can I average my work related commitments to get up to 50 hours of CCB a week?

Yes. If your work related commitments are at least 30 hours a fortnight, you can receive up to 50 hours of CCB per child for both weeks in the fortnight.

How? Simply average your hours over the fortnight.

Example over a fortnight:

- you work 10 hours one week
- you work 20 hours the next week
- this totals 30 hours over a fortnight.

How much CCB can you get for this per child per week? CCB will cover 50 hours care.

How do I meet the test for the Child Care Tax Rebate?

You only have to participate in work related commitments at some time during a week or have an exemption. No minimum number of hours is required.

How do I meet the test for registered care?

For registered care you only have to participate in work related commitments at some time during a week or have an exemption. No minimum number of hours is required.

Does anything else satisfy the work, training, study test?

Yes. You will satisfy the work, training, study test if you are:

- on annual or long service leave
- sick or other paid leave
- on paid or unpaid parental leave
- self employment leave
- self employment sick leave
- receiving Carer Payment
- receiving Carer Allowance
- caring for a disabled person
- on carer leave or carer sick leave.

Are there any exemptions from the work, training, study test?

Yes you may be exempt if:

- you or your partner get Carer Allowance or Carer Payment from Centrelink for a child
- you or your partner are a grandparent with primary care for your grandchild
- you or your partner have a disability (the other partner must still meet the work, training, study test)
- you are facing exceptional circumstances.

How can I get more information?

For further information on your eligibility for CCB and CCTR please contact the Family Assistance Office:



access online services at familyassist.gov.au



call 13 61 50 between 8am and 8pm (local time) Monday to Friday



email through familyassist.gov.au



visit a Family Assistance Office (located in Medicare Offices, Centrelink Customer Service Centres and Australian Taxation Offices).

Useful resources

Family Assistance, The What, Why and How booklet, available at familyassist.gov.au

Family Assistance Office Guide to Payments fact sheet, available at familyassist.gov.au

If you need to, you can also call:



Teletypewriter (TTY) 1800 810 586 (if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment).

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call 13 12 02 if you need information in a language other than English.