



## What is approved child care?

Parents want the very best for their children. When placing your child in care you need to be confident you have chosen a safe, nurturing environment of high quality.

Approved child care is a good option.

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It is child care approved by the Australian Government because it meets certain standards and requirements. This includes having a license to operate, qualified and trained staff, being open certain hours, and meeting health, safety and other quality standards.

## Can I get Child Care Benefit (CCB) if I use approved care?

CCB is a payment from the Government that helps with the cost of your child care. If you are eligible and you meet the income test, you can receive CCB.

## Can I get the Child Care Tax Rebate (CCTR) if I use approved care?

You may also be able to get the CCTR if you have used approved care, are eligible for CCB\* and met the CCB work, training, study test (for the purpose of the rebate).

\*Note: There is no income test for the CCTR. If you are eligible for Child Care Benefit, but your CCB entitlement is zero due to income, you may still be eligible for the Child Care Tax Rebate.

## What types of approved care are there?

There are several types and some families use more than one:

- Long Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Outside School Hours Care (before and after school and vacation)
- Occasional Care
- In Home Care

## How can I find out more about the different types of approved care and vacancy information?

Call the Government's Child Care Access Hotline Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 9:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on Freecall™ 1800 670 305.

If you need to, you can also call this service:

- Teletypewriter (TTY) Freecall™ 1800 639 327\* service (if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment). You need a TTY phone to use this service.

\* Calls to 13 numbers cost 25 cents from anywhere in Australia. Calls to 1800 numbers are free. Calls from public pay phones or mobile phones are charged at a higher rate.