

Examples of Subvention Fees:

Example 1 You are entitled to **Band A** and your **15 mth old** attends a crèche **full time five days a week**

Full rate charged by childcare service for 5 full days per week €150.00

Less Subvention

Band A, full time service, 1year + for 5 days

€100.00

You pay (for 5 full days)

€50.00

Example 2 You qualify for **Band A** and your **3 year old** attends playschool **five mornings a week for 3.5hrs**

Centres full rate for 5 mornings €75.00

Less Subvention

Band A, sessional service, 1year + for 5 days

€50.00

You pay (for 5 full days)

€25.00

Example 3 You qualify under **Band C** and your **2 year old** attends **full day childcare 3 days a week**

Centres full rate for three days €80.00

Less Subvention

Band C, full-time service, 1year + for 3 days
(Subvention for 5 days = €45 ÷ 5 x 3 = €27)

€27.00

You pay (for 3 full days)

€53.00

Example 4 You are entitled to **Band B** subvention and your child attends **after school 2 afternoons a week**

After School's full rate for 2 afternoons €30.00

Less Subvention

Band B, part-time service, 1year + for 2 days
(Subvention for 2 days = €35 ÷ 5 x 2 = €14)

€14.00

You pay (for two afternoons)

€16.00



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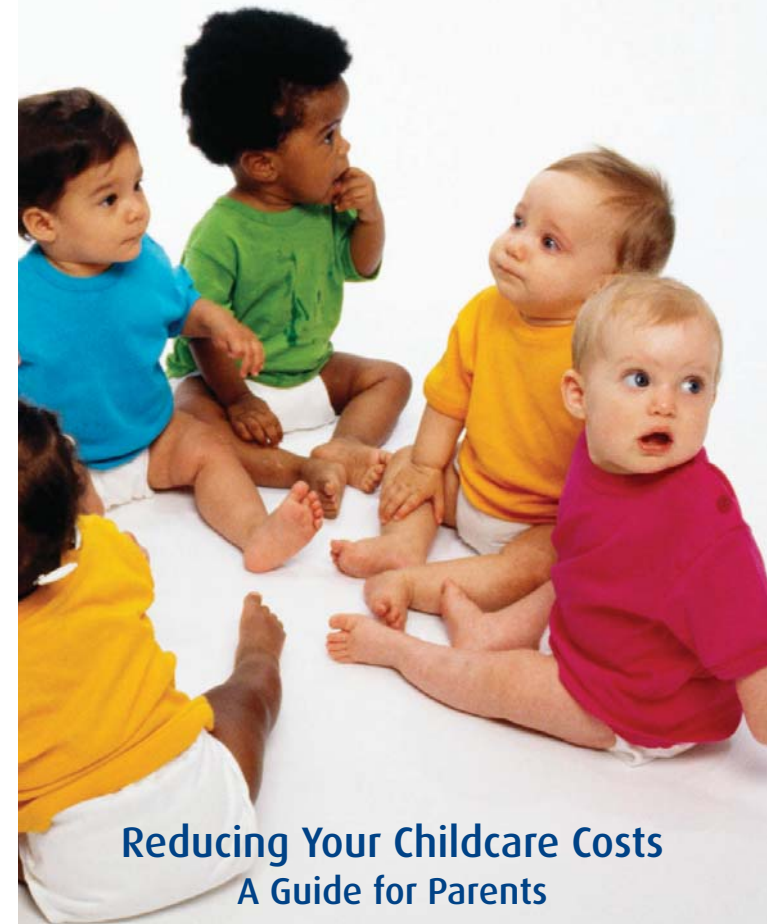
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Community Childcare Subvention Scheme (CCSS)



Reducing Your Childcare Costs A Guide for Parents

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What is it all about?

The Community Childcare Subvention Scheme (CCSS) was announced in July 2007 and can be accessed through Community Childcare Services. Under the new scheme qualifying parents can avail of a subsidy towards the cost of their childcare (e.g. Full-Day, Breakfast Club, Pre-School, After-School etc...) As a parent/guardian you will qualify if you fall into any of the following bands:

Table 1

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| Band A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Parent Family Payment • Widow's or Widower's Pension • Jobseekers Benefit / Allowance • Pre-Retirement Allowance • Farm Assist • State Pension • Blind Pension • Guardian's Payment • Illness or Injury Payment • Disablement Benefit • Invalidity Pension • Disability Allowance • Carer's Benefit / Allowance • Back to Work / Education Allowance • Supplementary Welfare Allowance • Community Employment • Domiciliary Care Allowance |
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| Band B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Income Supplement (FIS) • FÁS Training Allowance • Part-time Job Incentive Scheme • HSE Referrals |
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| Band C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Card • GP Visit Card • Any other criteria set out by your Childcare Facility (and agreed with OMCYA) |
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Further information on your entitlements and eligibility for the above bands can be found on www.welfare.ie and www.hse.ie

How do I Qualify?

If you are a parent whose child is attending a community childcare service, you will be asked by the childcare staff/manager to complete a **Declaration Form**.

On this form you will be asked for your PPS Number and which band (see table 1) you belong to. Once the childcare facility gather this information from all parents, they will then send it to the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA) who will then verify your information with the Dept of Social & Family Affairs and report back to the Childcare Service.

This information is kept strictly confidential by your childcare service (who are asked not to keep any copies of the declaration form) and the OMCYA. All data is kept with the OMCYA.

If you are not currently using a community childcare service but maybe interested, please contact your Local Community Childcare Service for further information.

How much of a subsidy am I entitled to?

Table 2 outlines the current rates of Subvention (subsidy).

If you qualify for the scheme the amount of subvention (subsidy) you receive will depend on the age of your child, the number of hours per day and days per week that they attend their childcare service. The subsidy should be taken off the full price of your childcare and you will pay the balance.



What do I do next?

From **Table 1** choose what band you are in. Then from **Table 2** below choose what length of service you will be using, the age of your child whether under or over 1 year and what subvention you are entitled to per week.

Next contact your chosen community childcare facility and make them aware of your entitlements.

There are some examples overleaf to guide you.

Please note: The Childcare Centre's full rate will vary from centre to centre and the prices given overleaf are for illustration purposes only.

Nominal fees may apply in individual childcare centres.

Table 2

Rates of Subvention according to band, length of service and age of child.

	Band A		Band B		Band C	
	Age 0-1yrs	Age 1+yrs	Age 0-1yrs	Age 1+yrs	Age 0-1yrs	Age 1+yrs
	Full Time Service (5 hours +)	€100	€100	€100	€70	€75
Part Time Service (3.30 - 5.00)	€65	€50	€50	€35	€38	€22.50
Shorter Hours Service (2.15 - 3.29)	€43	€33	€33	€23	€25	€15
Half Session (Less than 2.15)	€21	€16	€21	€11	€12.50	€7.50

Table 2 are weekly rates