

The NEW Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Activity Test Information Sheet

The CCS Activity Test asks you to provide details of your (and your spouse or partner's) activities such as paid work, study, work experience or looking for work, from 2nd July 2018. This Activity Test is completed during your [CCS assessment with Centrelink](#), and can be updated as your circumstances change using Centrelink Online or Mobile app ('Express Plus Centrelink' on iOS and Android).

What activities are eligible?

- ✓ paid work (incl. paid leave, paid or unpaid parental and maternity leave)
- ✓ self-employment
- ✓ unpaid work in the family business
- ✓ training (to improve work skills or employment prospects)
- ✓ an approved course of education or study (e.g. TAFE or Uni)
- ✓ volunteering (except canteen duty, P&C or coaching your child's sports team - these are classified as 'parental duties')
- ✓ actively looking for work
- ✓ paid parental leave, including maternity leave.

If you take on several types of activities (incl. nights and weekends), these are combined to meet the Activity Test e.g. if a parent works and studies or volunteers, all these activities should be included. **Remember to include travel to and from activities and any meal breaks taken during work in your estimation.**

How much activity is required?

Hours of activity per fortnight	Maximum number of hours* of subsidy per child per fortnight
8 hours to 16 hours	36 hours
More than 16 hours to 48 hours	72 hours
More than 48 hours	100 hours

*To calculate the total hours your child attends a centre, simply multiply the total operating hours (7.30am-6pm = 10.5hrs) by the number of days they attend each fortnight e.g. 10.5hrs x 6 days per fortnight (3 days a week) = 63hrs of subsidy you will require to receive the maximum benefit for your child's attendance.

In two parent families both parents, unless exempt, must meet the Activity Test. In the case where both parents meet different steps of the Activity Test, the **parent with the lowest entitlement will determine the hours of subsidised care for the child.**

More Information

The Department of Education and Training has published a list of frequently asked questions to help families understand the new package. [Click here to view.](#)

The contents of this document are intended and provided for information purposes only. Specific questions about your individual situation should be directed to the Centrelink Family and Parent line on 136 150 (Mon – Fri, 8am – 8pm).