CENTRE FACT SHEET
The New Child Care Subsidy

As an approved child care service, you'll need to be across the changes rolling out on July 2, 2018 as part of the new Child Care Subsidy package. This new system will replace the existing child care funding structure, bringing with it a few other changes for you to be aware of. This fact sheet covers information you should know as a child care professional.

Approved child care provider eligibility

Eligibility requirements must be met for families using your service to be entitled to the Child Care Subsidy. This summary has been provided by the Department of Education and Training outlining the eligibility requirements to be an approved child care provider:

- The provider holds all the approvals or licences required to operate a child care service in the state or territory in which the service is located.
- The provider, its personnel with management or control and those with responsibility for day-to-day operation of a service meet all fit and proper requirements. In the case of a Family Day Care service, all educators meet these requirements.
- Large centre-based day care providers (ie 25 or more approved services) are financially viable and likely to remain so.
- When deciding whether CCS Approval should be granted, the Secretary considers things such as the provider's record of compliance and financial administration. The Secretary also takes into account the suitability of people involved in the operation of the service/s.

Revised child care service types

As part of the new child care subsidy, there will now be three types of child care services in replacement of the existing seven types.

1. Centre-based Day Care (CDC)
2. Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)
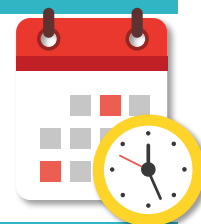3. Family Day Care (FDC)

Service type changes:

- If you are currently a Child Care Benefit (CCB) approved service, the transition to the new child care package may see your service type change.
- Long Day Care (LDC) will be a Centre-based Day Care (CDC) service.
- Occasional Care (OCC) will also be a Centre-based Day Care (CDC) service.
- Before and After School Care and Vacation Services will be Outside School Hours Care (OSHC).
- Family Day Care (FDC) services will remain as FDC.

New IT system in child care

Approved child care providers will be supported by a new IT system with the roll out of the new Child Care Subsidy in July 2018. You can expect improved functionality as well as reduced admin time for your service and its educators.

Operating hours added flexibility

While some requirements remain in place, there will be increased flexibility for child care services to choose what hours of care they deliver and what days. This ensures centres can work towards meeting the needs and demands of their individual communities.

Helpful resources

Addressing family enquiries

Many families will be wondering what impact the new Child Care Subsidy funding system will have on their lives. If you are receiving queries from families about their funding eligibility, you can direct them to various useful resources right here: **practicaloutcomes.edu.au/child-care-subsidy**

Displaying a poster is a useful way to remind families of the upcoming changes too. To download our helpful the poster, visit: **practicaloutcomes.edu.au/child-care-subsidy-poster**

Business resources for child care providers

To ensure child care services can make the best of the child care package roll out, the government has provided a range of business and planning resources.

To view resources including, scenario analysis and budgeting tools visit: **www.education.gov.au/new-business-support-tools-and-resources-child-care-services**

More information?

The most up-to-date and accurate information about the new Child Care Package and Child Care Subsidy can be found via the Department of Education and Training.

For further information and resources on the new Child Care Subsidy and its impact on child care services, visit: www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-subsidy-system