

Step 1

Eligibility

You might be eligible if:

- You are a resident of British Columbia
- You are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, Convention refugee or a person in need of protection
- Your child attends an eligible type of child care
- You meet the income requirements, generally earning less than \$111,000
- You (and your spouse) have a qualifying reason for requiring child care:
 - Working or self-employed
 - Attending school
 - Participating in an employment program
 - Looking for work (only one parent or guardian)
 - Living with a medical condition that interferes with your ability to care for your child
 - Your child is attending a licensed preschool program
 - Your child care is arranged or recommended by a Ministry of Children and Family Development or Indigenous Child and Family Services Agency social worker
 - Your child care is arranged or recommended by a staff member authorized by an Indigenous authority to provide child and family services under Indigenous law

Step 2

Gather required documents

- Apply for funding before the end of the month in which you need child care. For example, for child care starting September 1, apply by September 30
- A copy of one piece of government-issued identification is required for each family member
- If you have a spouse, they must complete portions of the application too
- Your child care provider needs to fill in and sign the child care arrangement form
- Once you start, you will have 60 days to submit your application and supporting documents
- You may be asked to provide supporting documentation to support your reason for requiring child care

Step 3

Submit the application

Families can apply:

- Online through MyFamilyServices.gov.bc.ca
- By mail or fax - download and complete the form, then submit it

Step 4



Wait for approval and confirmation

Step 5

Benefit applied to child care fees

If approved:

- Your child care provider will submit monthly claim forms
- Families pay any remaining balance after the benefit is applied

Step 6

Renewal and updates



Benefits must be renewed upon expiry, usually every **12 months**

Important!

- Keep your contact information up to date and immediately report any changes that could affect your eligibility
- Not reporting changes could mean losing your monthly benefit or having to pay back money. Report all changes to basic information, income, or child care arrangements

Affordable Child Care Benefit



Are you a parent or caregiver in B.C. with a dependent child? You could save up to \$1,250/month on child care!

The Affordable Child Care Benefit helps families reduce the cost of licensed or registered child care.

Benefit amounts are based on:

- Your family income
- Your family size
- Your type of care arrangement



Use the Affordable Child Care Benefit Estimator to see how much funding you may be eligible to receive by visiting gov.bc.ca/ChildCareBenefit

Contact us

Child Care Service Centre

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PT

Toll-free

1-888-338-6622 (option 1)

Fax

1-877-544-0699

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More info



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Helping families with the cost of child care



The Affordable Child Care Benefit is a monthly payment from the Government of B.C. that helps eligible families with the cost of child care. The amount you receive depends on your family's income, size, and the type of care your child receives.



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