

## Help with Childcare Costs

### **More help with Childcare and OSCAR Subsidies**

Please see over for new rates for the Childcare or OSCAR subsidy. Both the income limits and subsidy rates listed over are current from 1 April 2010.

### **See how much you might get**

You can calculate an estimate of the amount of Childcare Assistance you may be entitled to by using our Calculator.

Information is available from: <http://www.workingforfamilies.govt.nz/>

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### **What are the maximum hours for a subsidy?**

If you are in work or study, or if you have special circumstances that mean you need access to childcare, you can get:

- a Childcare Subsidy for up to 50 hours a week
- an OSCAR subsidy for up to 20 hours per week during term time, and up to 50 hours during school holidays.

Special circumstances might mean, for example, that you need to care for a sick partner, or that you need to attend regular medical treatment for yourself.

If you are not in work or study you can get a Childcare Subsidy for up to nine hours a week.

# Childcare assistance at 1 April 2010

Number of children	Childcare Subsidy and OSCAR subsidy rates Gross income per week			
	1 child	Less than \$1,274.00	\$1,274.00 to \$1,379.99	\$1,380.00 to \$1,485.99
2 children	Less than \$1,465.00	\$1,465.00 to \$1,580.99	\$1,581.00 to \$1,697.99	\$1,698.00 or more
3 or more children	Less than \$1,634.00	\$1,634.00 to \$1,771.99	\$1,772.00 to 1,909.99	\$1,910.00 or more
Rate that applies (see the chart below)	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3	Nil

Assistance type	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3
<b>Childcare Subsidy hourly rate, non-taxable</b>	<b>\$3.70</b>	<b>\$2.57</b>	<b>\$1.43</b>
Childcare Subsidy up to 50 hours per week, maximum, non-taxable	\$185.00	\$128.50	\$71.50
<b>OSCAR Subsidy hourly rate, non-taxable</b>	<b>\$3.70</b>	<b>\$2.57</b>	<b>\$1.43</b>
OSCAR Subsidy during term time up to 20 hours per week, maximum, non-taxable	\$74.00	\$51.40	\$28.60
OSCAR Subsidy during holidays up to 50 hours per week, maximum, non-taxable	\$185.00	\$128.50	\$71.50