



1. What is the 3 Day Childcare Subsidy (CCS) update?

From 5th January 2026, all CCS-eligible families can access a minimum of 3 days of care at TeamKids, regardless of their work or study hours.

Please note: families with an active Centrelink claim do not need to take any immediate action. However, we strongly encourage all families to regularly review and update their Centrelink details. This helps ensure your claim remains current and that your CCS continues to be paid correctly according to your entitlements.

2. What is the activity test?

The activity test is a rule that used to decide how many hours of subsidised childcare a family could receive. It linked your subsidy to the number of hours parents or guardians worked, studied, or volunteered.

From 5th January 2026, this test will no longer apply for the first 3 days of care each CCS week. That means every CCS-eligible family will automatically get subsidies for at least 3 days, no matter their activity level.

3. Do I still need to apply for CCS?

Yes, families must be registered and have an active claim for CCS through [Services Australia](#). The new 3 Day CCS update changes the activity test, but you still need to apply and be approved.

4. Is care limited to only 3 days per week?

No, families can book more than 3 days per week. The update means that the first 3 days each week are subsidised through CCS without the activity test. Any additional days required may still be subject to the activity test.

5. What types of care does this update apply to?

The update applies to all approved childcare services, including:

- Before School Care
- After School Care
- Vacation Care
- Pupil Free Days

6. How much can I save?

On average, families who previously missed out due to the activity test could save up to \$1,460 per year. Your actual savings will depend on your individual fees and usage.

7. Do I need to re-apply if I already receive CCS?

No, if you're already receiving CCS, the change will apply automatically. You just need to make sure your Centrelink details are up to date.

8. How do I register for CCS if I'm new?

To apply for CCS:

1. Log in to your myGov account and link it to Centrelink.
2. Go to Centrelink → Child Care Subsidy → Apply.
3. Provide details about your family, income, and care arrangements.
4. Once approved, your subsidy is applied directly to your TeamKids fees.

For detailed instructions: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy

9. How do I book with TeamKids?

You must book sessions directly with TeamKids via your online TeamKids account - bookings are not automatic. Check out our 'How to Book' guide [here](#). To book, find your nearest venue: www.teamkids.com.au/venues

Important reminder: Always ensure you receive a booking confirmation email from TeamKids to ensure your booking/s have been confirmed.