

Help with childcare costs

The **Childcare Subsidy** can help with childcare costs for children aged under 5 years (or under 6 years if you get a Child Disability Allowance). You may be able to get help with up to 50 hours of childcare a week while you're working.

OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) is for children aged 5-13 years. It can help with the costs of before and after school care (up to 20 hours a week) and care during school holidays (up to 50 hours a week).

To qualify, your income has to be under a certain limit:

If you have	And your family's weekly income before tax is less than	The subsidy per child per hour is up to
1 child	\$1,274	\$3.63
1 child	\$1,380	\$2.52
1 child	\$1,486	\$1.40
2 children	\$1,465	\$3.63
2 children	\$1,581	\$2.52
2 children	\$1,698	\$1.40
3+ children	\$1,634	\$3.63
3+ children	\$1,772	\$2.52
3+ children	\$1,910	\$1.40

Rates current at 1 April 2009

Help with housing costs

The **Accommodation Supplement** can help with the costs of your rent, board, or mortgage and other essential costs. To qualify your income has to be under a certain limit.

Your weekly income before tax will need to be under				
If you are ...	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
Single with no children	\$932.00	\$752.00	\$612.00	\$532.00
A couple with no children	\$1,174.00	\$1,034.00	\$834.00	\$754.00
Sole parent with 1 child	\$1,110.00	\$970.00	\$770.00	\$690.00
Sole parent with 2 children	\$1,370.00	\$1,130.00	\$950.00	\$770.00
A couple with 1 or more children	\$1,434.00	\$1,194.00	\$1,014.00	\$834.00

Income limits current at 1 April 2009