

# Working for Families – Quick Guide

## What is Working for Families?

Working for Families is a package designed to help make it easier to work and raise a family. Thousands of people are entitled to extra money through Working for Families.

## Who is the Package for?

- Almost all families earning under \$70,000 a year.
- Many families earning between \$70,000 and \$100,000 a year.
- Some larger families earning more.
- Some people without children who may qualify for help with housing costs.

## Help with Family Costs

**Working for Families Tax Credits** – provide financial help for families with children aged 18 or under. Working for Families Tax Credits are paid by Inland Revenue and include several different types of payments:

- Family tax credit.
- In-work tax credit (for families working a minimum number of hours).

- Minimum family tax credit (to ensure a minimum income for working families).

- Parental tax credit.

Families may qualify for one or more of these payments depending on their circumstances.

Work and Income pays family tax credits to families receiving a benefit.

**Childcare Assistance** – provides families with help with childcare costs and is paid by Work and Income.

There are two types of payments: the Childcare Subsidy for pre-schoolers and the OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) Subsidy for school age children.

**Accommodation Supplement** – provides help towards the cost of rent, board, mortgage and other essential housing costs and is paid by Work and Income.

## How to Get More Information on Working for Families

- Visit **[www.workingforfamilies.govt.nz](http://www.workingforfamilies.govt.nz)** which has calculators to work out eligibility.
- Working for Families Tax Credits: **0800 227 773** Mon–Fri 8am–8pm, Sat 9am–1pm.
- Accommodation & Childcare Supplement: **0800 774 004** Mon–Fri 7am–8pm, Sat 8am–1pm.



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