

FEE PAYMENT INFOGRAPHIC

The factors listed below will determine how much you will be paying towards your childcare:

- Total household income,
- Age of your child, and
- Number of hours your child is **attending** the day home

SUBSIDY (If eligible)

* Parents apply for subsidy

You can apply for subsidy if your child attends a licensed family day home and:

- your gross family household income is under \$180,000 and your children are 0 months to Kindergarten age (enrolled in a part time Kindergarten program); or
- your gross family household income is under \$90,000 and your children are Kindergarten age (enrolled in a full time Kindergarten program) to Grades 1 to 6.

* Parents are responsible for managing their subsidy

To receive the full amount a child must attend the day home for a **minimum of 100 hours**

If your child attends **less than 100 hours** subsidy will be prorated

IMPORTANT!

The actual hours of attendance and NOT the child's contracted hours are counted

AFFORDABILITY GRANT

This grant is paid directly to the Agency

All children aged 0 to kindergarten age **attending 50 + hours per month** will qualify

The amount the agency receives depends on the following factors:

- 1) **Age of child and**
- 2) **The number of hours the child is in care**

Full time care is 100+ hours of attendance

Part time care is anything from 51 to 100 hours of attendance

Any hours below 50 hours **will not** be funded

TOTAL CHILDCARE FEE

PARENT FEE

Parents are responsible for paying the remaining balance once the affordability grant and subsidy (if eligible) has been calculated.

QUICK CALCULATOR

Affordability Grant

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Subsidy (if eligible)

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Parent Fee

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Total Childcare Fee

For more details please visit the following websites:

<https://applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca>

<http://www.alberta.ca/childcaredeal>



Subsidy FAQ's

Does the Agency apply for subsidy?

No.

It is the parent's responsibility to apply for subsidy. It also the parent's responsibility to manage, maintain and reapply for subsidy. The agency cannot do this on a parents behalf.

How do I apply for subsidy?

To begin your application visit <https://applychildcaresubsidy.alberta.ca/>

How do I know if I am eligible to receive subsidy?

If your gross family household income is under \$180,000 and your children are 0 months to Kindergarten age (enrolled in a part time Kindergarten program); or your gross family household income is under \$90,000 and your children are Kindergarten age (enrolled in a full time Kindergarten program) to Grades 1 to 6. To receive full subsidy, your child must attend a **minimum 100** hours of care per month. Your child must be attending a Licensed Family Day Home.

I've been approved, what do I do next?

Your initial approval will state an amount you are approved for, and the dates you are approved from and to.

Send a copy of this approval to your Agency Consultant. The Agency needs to have this as proof of your eligibility and as confirmation of the amount you are approved for. Keep a copy of your approval for your own reference.

Does subsidy expire?

Yes.

Your initial approval will be a conditional approval of two months. You will need to provide additional paperwork after this initial approval.

It is **parents' responsibility** to ensure their subsidy remains active and updated.

My child attended less than 100 hours. Does this affect my subsidy?

Yes.

In cases where there are less than the minimum hours, subsidy will prorate the amount you will receive. **Please be aware this affects the parent portion of your monthly fee.** You are responsible for any outstanding contracted fee amount.

If I am paying to hold a spot, can I receive subsidy?

No.

If your Educator has agreed to hold your child's spot without fee, no subsidy will be issued. No government subsidy credits will be issued for zero hours of care in any arrangement.

What happens if my financial circumstances change?

For any changes in circumstances that may affect your subsidy eligibility, you must contact subsidy to ensure that your application is still approved. **The agency cannot contact subsidy on your behalf.**

Can the Agency renew my subsidy?

No.

To continue receiving subsidy, you must **renew before it expires**. Refer to your Subsidy Approval Letter to determine your subsidy expiry date, or you can contact the Government subsidy office at 780-644-999

What are extended hours?

If your child attends their day home **before 6 am, after 6 pm, or on the weekend**, this is classed as extended hours. You will receive an additional \$100 in subsidy (if you are eligible and your child is attending the correct amount of hours).

Your child must be attending a **minimum of 4 hours within the extended care time** to receive extended hours subsidy.

Affordability grant rates

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Affordability Grants for licensed facility-based and home-based child care

All parents of children zero to kindergarten age will benefit from reduced fees through affordability grants. Funding is provided directly to operators and is to be used specifically to reduce fees.

	Infant (Under 19 months)	Toddler (19 months to under 3 years)	Preschool Age (3 years to kindergarten age)	Preschool Program (Part-time programming for 4 or less hours per day for children 19 months up to kindergarten)
Daycare – Full Time	\$635	\$510	\$450	\$75
Daycare – Part Time	\$317.50	\$255	\$225	\$75
Daycare – Overnight – Full Time	\$952.50	\$765	\$675	N/A
Daycare – Overnight – Part Time	\$476.25	\$382.50	\$337.50	N/A
Family Day Home– Full Time	\$350	\$325	\$300	N/A
Family Day Home– Part Time	\$175	\$162.50	\$150	N/A
Family Day Home– Overnight Full Time	\$525	\$487.50	\$450	N/A
Family Day Home– Overnight Part Time	\$262.50	\$243.75	\$225	N/A

Subsidy for licensed facility-based and home-based child care

In addition to fee reductions through affordability grants (listed above), parents of children zero to kindergarten age will receive additional subsidies to further reduce their fees, based on the income thresholds below.

Family Income	Full Time Rate (100+ hours)	Licensed Preschool Rate
\$0 to \$119,999	\$266	Flat rate of \$125/month (all income brackets)
\$120,000 to \$124,999	\$253	
\$125,000 to \$129,999	\$239	
\$130,000 to \$134,999	\$226	
\$135,000 to \$139,999	\$213	
\$140,000 to \$144,999	\$200	
\$145,000 to \$149,999	\$186	
\$150,000 to \$154,999	\$173	
\$155,000 to \$159,999	\$160	
\$160,000 to \$164,999	\$146	
\$165,000 to \$169,999	\$133	
\$170,000 to \$174,999	\$120	
\$175,000 to \$179,999	\$106	
Part time rates are prorated based on hours (80 hours = 80% of the full time rate)		

Examples:

A family earning \$75,000 per year with one toddler attending a day care program would be eligible for full subsidy. If the fee at the program is \$1,000 per month, the day care program will receive \$510/month in an affordability grant and the family would be eligible for \$266/month. The remaining parent portion is \$224/month or approximately \$10/day.

A family earning \$130,000 per year with an infant attending a day care program would be eligible for partial subsidy. If the fee at the program is \$1200 per month, the program will receive \$635/month in an affordability grant and the family would be eligible for \$226/month in subsidy. The remaining parent portion is \$339/month or \$15.60/day

Families earning over \$180,000 per year will still see savings through the affordability grant (See first table).

Family Day home (licensed by an agency):

A family earning \$120,000 per year with one infant attending a family day program would be eligible for partial subsidy. If the fee at the program is \$835 per month, the day care program will receive \$350/month in an affordability grant and the family would be eligible for \$253/month. The remaining parent portion is \$232/month or approximately \$10.66/day.