



BLACKFRIARS

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Childcare Benefit and Rebate INFORMATION TO OSHC PARENTS: 2016

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The Australian Government has a number of support options for families using approved care providers. Below is information on two payment support options that you may be eligible for to reduce your child care fees for OSHC. If you are eligible for either Child Care Benefit (CCB) or the Child Care Rebate (CCR) it is your responsibility to provide all relevant information so that these payments can be electronically processed.

CHILD CARE BENEFIT?

It is a payment or subsidy made to families to assist with the cost of child care. CCB is paid as a fee reduction or a lump sum payment at the end of the financial year.

Fee Reductions

You will need to ring Family Assistance Office (FAO) and register your child/children attending Blackfriars Priory School OSHC. This assessment will take approximately five minutes over the phone or alternatively you can go into any Family Assistance Office. Either of these processes needs to be completed within the first 2-3 weeks of your child commencing care.

Under the new Child Care Management system the service will not have access to Families Child care benefit percentages. Your child/ren's child care usage will be submitted online to the government, they will apply CCB and then return the file online for the OSHC program to bill the parents.

To link our families with their CCB information we require the date of birth of the parent who applied for CCB and their Customer Reference Number (CRN) as well as the child's date of birth and CRN. If you do not wish to apply for CCB we still require the date of birth of the parent and child/children who attend OSHC. Please add this information to your enrolment form. All information is strictly confidential.

The OSHC Director will send you an invoice weekly for the amount owing after deducting CCB and CCR.

To register you will need to ring the FAO on 136150 (8:00am-8:00pm).

CHILD CARE REBATE

The CCR helps working families with the cost of child care. The CCR covers 50 per cent of out-of-pocket child care expenses for approved child care, with a rebate of up to \$7,500 (indexed) per child per year, for eligible families.

There are certain requirements you must meet to get the CCR.

You must have:

- Used approved child care during the year;
- Been eligible for CCB (entitled at a rate of zero or more);
- Passed the Child Care Benefit work, training, study test (for the purposes of the rebate).

Note: There is no income test for the CCR. If you are eligible for CCB, but your CCB entitlement is zero due to income, you are still eligible for the CCR.

There are a number of reimbursement options for this rebate:

- CCR payments can be made directly to the service
- CCR can be paid to you at the end of each quarter
- CCR can be paid to you at the end of the financial year

NB: If you want to receive your CCR as a weekly or quarterly payment, you must claim CCB as reduced fees, even if you are eligible for CCB but your CCB entitlement is zero due to income.

Important Information about Quarterly Payments

Quarterly payments will be paid once FAO have received child care usage/attendance details from our service/s. Quarterly payments will be paid to you automatically if you receive your CCB as reduced fees, at zero rate, or more than zero rate.

At the end of the financial year, the CCR will be reconciled against your actual income and adjusted for the financial year. Payments due for the last quarter of the CCR will be 'held' until CCB reconciliation occurs (when your tax returns have been lodged and all your child care usage/attendance information has been received). This will then be used in any adjustments as part of the reconciliation. The CCR entitlement is paid directly into your bank account by the Family Assistance Office.

For more information please visit: <http://www.familyassist.gov.au/>

Non Fee Reduction or Lump Sum Payment Claim

Parents choosing this option will be involved for the full cost of child care. To claim a lump sum payments you will need to contact the FAO at the end of the financial year on 13 6150 and arrange your claim. You will need to complete a "Claim for Lump Sum payment of CCB" form.

You will be entitled to receive at least the minimum rate for CCB.

If you would like some more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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