

# Alberta Child care subsidy

Changes to the child care subsidy will come into effect August 1, 2020. The new subsidy model is simpler and easier to understand.

Families of over 28,000 children supported by the child care subsidy will see an increase to their subsidy rate, with about 24,500 seeing an 18% increase to their subsidy rate. This means:

- a fully subsidized infant will be supported by \$741/month (previously \$628/month)
- a fully subsidized toddler will be supported by \$644/month (previously \$546/month)
- **a fully subsidized school-age child will be supported by \$366/month (previously \$310/month)**

Under the previous bilateral agreement, \$45 million in federal funding benefitted families of only about 7,500 children through the \$25-a-day pilot. Under the new bilateral agreement, lower-income families of about 16,000 children will pay \$25-a-day or less in child care fees.

Parents can access more information on the new rates and how to apply on the [child care subsidy website](#).

If you have already applied and have been approved, you will be reassessed and any changes will come through automatically. The new subsidy rate increase comes into effect on August 1, 2020.

## Eligibility

Families with an annual income of less than \$75,000 will be eligible for full or partial subsidy.

All families currently receiving subsidy that have an income of \$75,000 or higher will continue to receive subsidy up until their subsidy period ends.

## Subsidy rate

The new subsidy model represents an 18% increase to the current maximum subsidy rates.

**Table 1. Maximum subsidy rates**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Infant (18 mos. and under)</b>	<b>Preschooler (19 mos. up to grade 1)</b>	<b>School Age (grade 1 to grade 6)</b>
\$0 to \$49,999	\$741	\$644	\$366
\$50,000 to \$54,999	\$704	\$612	\$348
\$55,000 to \$59,999	\$630	\$547	\$311
\$60,000 to \$64,999	\$556	\$483	\$275
\$65,000 to \$69,999	\$482	\$419	\$238
\$70,000 to \$74,999	\$408	\$354	\$201

**No subsidy is granted for those earning more than the \$75,000 threshold**

While each family's exact income and tax situation are different, for illustrative purposes, a family with a single parent with an income of \$61,000 per year, with one toddler attending day care full time, will be eligible for \$483 per month in subsidy.