



# CCS PLUS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## COMMUNITY CHILDCARE SUBVENTION PLUS (CCS PLUS)

CCS Plus is a support programme for childcare services to provide quality childcare at a reduced rate to parents.

It enables childcare services to reduce fees for parents in receipt of certain social welfare payments, Working Family Payment, and holders of medical cards and GP visit cards (excluding under 6s GP visit card).

If either parent meets the criteria, a reduction in fee may be available.

## PROOF REQUIRED

The eligibility of the applying parent/guardian is determined by their status with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) within one month prior to and/or including the week of the child start date on the Programme.

The level of the subvention is determined by the parent's DEASP status and also by the level of childcare required.

In order to confirm eligibility, both the parent/guardian and child's Personal Public Service Numbers (PPSNs) and date of birth are required when the CCS Plus Child Registration Form is being completed by the childcare provider. PPSNs are cross referenced with the DEASP and the HSE to determine eligibility and verify entitlement to subvention.

To ensure that the child is registered for the appropriate Band, parents are advised to supply the childcare provider with the following:

- A receipt from DEASP for a payment in the week you are registering for the scheme.
- A letter from DEASP which includes the name of the recipient, name of benefit, date the payment started and ceased (if applicable). It must be dated within one month prior to and/or including the week of the child start date on the programme.
- A copy of current FULL medical card (either the parent's or the child's).

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

The registration process and eligibility validation process takes a period of time after initial registration to confirm approval of funding. The childcare service should satisfy themselves of proof of eligibility before passing on the subvention to the parent, or charge the normal fee until such time as funding has

been approved. **Once funding has been approved the parent will be refunded back-dated to date from which funding is provided.**

## HOW MUCH WILL I HAVE TO PAY?

If you qualify for the scheme, the amount of subvention you receive will depend on the number of hours per day and days per week that your child attends the Childcare Service.

**The subvention is taken off the full price of your childcare and you pay the balance.**

## ELIGIBILITY & RATES

Check the table below to view what supports are available to you based on your situation.

	<b>Band A (with medical card unless otherwise stated)</b>	<b>Band AJ (with medical card)</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band D</b>
Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· One Parent Family Payment</li> <li>· Widow's/Widower's Pension</li> <li>· Pre-retirement Allowance</li> <li>· Farm Assist/Fish Assist</li> <li>· State Pension</li> <li>· Blind Pension</li> <li>· Guardian's Payment</li> <li>· Illness/Injury Benefit</li> <li>· Disability Allowance</li> <li>· Carer's Benefit/Allowance</li> <li>· Back to Work Enterprise/ Education Allowance</li> <li>· Community Employment/ Rural Social Scheme</li> <li>· Domiciliary Care Allowance</li> <li>· Working Family Payment (formerly known as FIS)</li> <li>· Secondary Students</li> <li>· Invalidity Pension</li> <li>· Disablement Pension</li> <li>· Official Tusla referrals (no medical card required)</li> <li>· HSE Public Health Nurse referrals (no medical card required)</li> <li>· TÚS</li> <li>· Part-time Job Incentive Scheme</li> <li>· Gateway</li> <li>· Partial Capacity Benefit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Job Seeker's Benefit/Allowance</li> <li>· Supplementary Welfare Allowance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Medical Card</li> <li>· Parents who are in receipt of Social Welfare payments listed under Band A/AJ but have no medical card</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· GP Visit Card (over 6 years only)*</li> <li>· Parents who no longer qualify for Band A/AJ this year but who were verified as being on Band A/AJ at the end of the previous school year</li> </ul>

If you are eligible for CCS Plus, your rates of subsidy from September 2018 are:

<b>Weekly Rate</b>	<b>Band A (with medical card unless otherwise stated)</b>	<b>Band AJ (with medical card)</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band D</b>
Full-day payment (> 5 hours)	€145	€80	€70	€50
Part-time payment (> 3 hours 30 mins, up to 5 hours)	€80	€80	€35	€25
Sessional payment (> 2 hours 15 mins up to 3 hours 30 mins)	€45	€45	€25	€17
Half-session payment (> 1 hour 15 mins up to 2 hours 15 mins)	€22.50	€22.50	€12.50	€8.50