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# Receipt of Childcare Subsidy for children over 5

## Eligibility rules for Childcare Subsidy (CCS) (Regulation 30 of the Social Security Regulations 2018)

- CCS is for children under 5 years old except for:
  - Children for whom Child Disability Allowance (CDA) is paid. These children can get a CCS until they are 6 years of age
  - Where the child is aged over 5 years and enrolled to attend a cohort entry school on the term or mid-term start date, on or immediately after the child's 5th birthday (whichever is closer)
  - Aged less than 5 years and 4 weeks and enrolled but not yet attending a school with continuous entry (transitional period).
- NB: Cohort entry schools allow children to start school on the school term or mid-term start-date immediately on or after their 5th birthday whichever is closer.



# Context for the data

**Main benefit** clients receive one of the following Main Benefits:

- **SPS:** Sole Parent Support
- **JS:** Jobseeker Support
- **SLP:** Supported Living Payment

**Non-Benefit clients** do not receive a main benefit (they may also receive another type of payment from MSD).

**Note:**

- Children are not considered 'enrolled' unless they are attending school.
- Counts are rounded to protect client's identities. Actual numbers may be different.

## Overview

This pack shows the total number of Main Benefit and Non-Benefit recipients as at the end of **September 2025** with a child older than 5 receiving CCS and the proportion of those with children receiving CDA.

NB: CDA is available to the principal caregiver of a dependent child who has a serious disability. It is paid because of the extra care that may be needed by a child who has a physical, sensory, psychiatric or intellectual disability.

There is no income and asset test for CDA.



# Key Points

- There are 240 children aged 5+ whose caregivers receive CCS on their behalf, split evenly between Non-Benefit and Benefit households.
- There are 144 (60%) children aged 5+ who have caregivers that receive CCS and CDA on their behalf.
- There are 99 children whose caregivers receive CCS only on their behalf.
- There are 3 times as many children in Benefit households whose caregivers receive CCS and CDA on their behalf as there are that receive CCS only.



# Total number of children aged 5+ that receive CDA and/or CCS as at the end of September 2025

