



Dear Parent/Guardian,

ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CENTRE-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR CHILD CARE (CFAC) FROM 1 JANUARY 2009

To ensure that childcare remains affordable for all lower-income households, the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) will be enhancing the Centre-based Financial Assistance Scheme for Childcare (CFAC) with effect from 1 January 2009.

Extension of CFAC beyond the fourth child

2. From 1 January 2009, CFAC subsidies and the Start-Up Grant will be extended to all children from lower-income families, as long as the mother works. If you have more than four children, and the child's mother is working, you may now apply for your children to benefit from the CFAC subsidies and Start-Up Grant.

Equal CFAC subsidies for all children regardless of birth order

3. In addition, there will no longer be a differentiation in CFAC subsidies between children of different birth orders. Currently, the first and second child receives higher subsidies than the third and fourth child. From 1 January 2009, all children in eligible low-income families would receive the same amount of CFAC subsidy up to a maximum of \$340 a month. The actual subsidy received would depend on your family's monthly income and the actual childcare fees charged, as shown in the following table.

Revised CFAC rates for **full-day care wef 1 January 2009:**

Net monthly household income	Maximum CFAC Subsidy per month for each child
Less than or equal to \$500	\$340
\$501 to \$1,000	\$300
\$1,001 to \$1,500	\$250
\$1,501 to \$1,800	\$200

4. The CFAC subsidies are given over and above the universal Government childcare subsidy for working mothers of \$300 a month.

5. If you wish to apply for CFAC subsidy and Start-Up Grant for your child, please approach your childcare centre supervisor.

6. We wish you all the best for your child's education.

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