

HOW WILL I RECEIVE THE MONTHLY SUBSIDY?

The subsidies will be disbursed directly to your child care centre. You will only need to pay the net fees after subsidy.

WILL THE ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY APPLY TO HALF DAY AND FLEXI CARE PROGRAMMES?

Yes. Half-day care programmes are eligible for subsidies pro-rated at 50% of full day care. Similarly, flexi-care programmes will receive pro-rated subsidies based on the number of hours of care received per week.

HOW DO I APPLY?

All applications for the **Basic** and **Additional Subsidy** should be made through your child care centre. Your centre will provide you with the necessary application forms.

If you are enrolling your child for the first time, you will need to declare your personal and spouse's particulars via MSF Form 1 & 1A.

If your child is already enrolled in the centre, you will only need to complete Form 1A to determine your eligibility for the **Additional Subsidy**.

The following supporting documents are required for the subsidy application

- a) NRICs of parents;
- b) Birth certificate of your child; and Certificate of Citizenship (if applicable)

If you are applying for the **Additional Subsidy** based on PCI, you will also need to complete MSF Form 1B and provide details (NRIC / Passport / Birth Certificate) of all family members staying at your residential address.

If you require financial help on top of the **Basic** and **Additional Subsidy**, you can also approach your child care centre to apply for special financial assistance.

For more details on the infant and child care subsidy scheme, please visit our Child Care Link website at:
<http://www.childcarelink.gov.sg>

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NEW INFANT AND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK



CENTRE-BASED INFANT AND CHILD CARE

Child care centres (CCCs) provide child care services for children aged between 18 months and 6 years old. Several centres provide infant care programmes for infants aged between 2 to 18 months old. Centres may offer full day, half-day (am/pm) and flexible care programmes to cater to the diverse working schedules of parents. They are licensed by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) and provide a safe and conducive learning environment for children to grow and develop. This enables working parents to have peace of mind while at work.

INFANT AND CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES: Keeping Fees Affordable

Under the new subsidy framework announced on 23 January 2013, all parents with Singapore Citizen children enrolled in child care centres licensed by MSF will continue to be eligible for a **Basic Subsidy**.

In addition, families with monthly household incomes of \$7,500 and below are now eligible for an **Additional Subsidy**, with lower income families receiving more. Larger families with many dependants can also choose to have their **Additional Subsidy** computed on a per capita income (PCI) basis.



HOW MUCH ARE THE SUBSIDIES?

Table 1: Full Day Child Care Programme

Monthly Household Income	Per Capita Income * (PCI)	Basic Subsidy	Additional Subsidy	Maximum Total Subsidy ^
\$2,500 and below	\$625 and below		\$440	\$740
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$626-\$750		\$400	\$700
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$751-\$875		\$370	\$670
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$876-\$1,000	\$300	\$310	\$610
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$1,001-\$1,125		\$220	\$520
\$4,501-\$7,500	\$1,126-\$1,875		\$100	\$400
Above \$7,500	Above \$1,875		\$0	\$300

Table 2: Full Day Infant Care Programme

Monthly Household Income	Per Capita Income * (PCI)	Basic Subsidy	Additional Subsidy	Maximum Total Subsidy ^
\$2,500 and below	\$625 and below		\$540	\$1140
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$626-\$750		\$500	\$1100
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$751-\$875		\$470	\$1070
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$876-\$1,000	\$600	\$410	\$1010
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$1,001-\$1,125		\$320	\$920
\$4,501-\$7,500	\$1,126-\$1,875		\$200	\$800
Above \$7,500	Above \$1,875		\$0	\$600

^ Subject to minimum co-payment by parents. More details on the schedule of minimum co-payment amounts are available on our website.

Monthly Household Income is based on the combined monthly income of both parents.

* Households with 5 or more family members, including more than 2 dependents may wish to apply for the Additional Subsidy based on their family's per capita income (PCI).

The method for computing per capita income is shown below:

$$\text{Per Capita Income (PCI)} = \frac{\text{Total gross monthly household income of family members}}{\text{Number of family members living in the same household}}$$

WORKED EXAMPLES

Here are some worked examples of how much you may receive in child care and infant care subsidies.

Example 1:

Siti earns \$3500 a month. Her husband earns \$3500 a month. Their combined gross monthly household income is **\$7,000**. They have a 3 year old child who attends full day child care:

Full Day Fee	: \$750
Basic Subsidy	: (\$300)
Additional Subsidy	: (\$100)
Net Fee Payable	: \$350

Example 2:

Charmaine is a single mother and earns **\$2,500** a month. She has a 10 month old baby who attends full day infant care:

Full Day Fee	: \$1200
Basic Subsidy	: (\$600)
Additional Subsidy	: (\$540)
Net Fee Payable	: \$60

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY?

To apply for the Additional Subsidy you should be a mother working 56 hours or more per month, have a Singapore citizen child enrolled in a licensed child/infant care centre in Singapore, and your monthly household income should not exceed \$7,500.