

# OSCAR SUBSIDY INFORMATION



Effective from 1st April 2025

**Did you know you could save \$\$\$ on your childcare...**

**The thresholds have changed, and you might now be eligible to receive the OSCAR SUBSIDY**

Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Subsidy is a payment which helps families with the costs of before and after school care for up to 20 hours a week, and school holiday programmes for up to 50 hours a week.

Please check the table below to see if your family may be eligible to receive the OSCAR Subsidy.

Number of children	Gross weekly income	OSCAR Subsidy (Per hour, per child)	OSCAR Subsidy (Per week, per child)	
			Term time (For 20 hrs)	Holidays (For 50 hrs)
1	Less than \$1,099.00	\$6.52	\$130.40	\$326.00
	\$1,099.00 to \$2,001.99	\$5.20	\$104.00	\$260.00
	\$2,002.00 to \$2,168.99	\$3.64	\$72.80	\$182.00
	\$2,169.00 to \$2,335.99	\$2.03	\$40.60	\$101.50
	\$2,336.00 or more	nil	nil	nil
2	Less than \$1,264.00	\$6.52	\$130.40	\$326.00
	\$1,264.00 to \$2,302.99	\$5.20	\$104.00	\$260.00
	\$2,303.00 to \$2,484.99	\$3.64	\$72.80	\$182.00
	\$2,485.00 to \$2,669.99	\$2.03	\$40.60	\$101.50
	\$2,670.00 or more	nil	nil	nil
3 or more	Less than \$1,416.00	\$6.52	\$130.40	\$326.00
	\$1,416.00 to \$2,568.99	\$5.20	\$104.00	\$260.00
	\$2,569.00 to \$2,786.99	\$3.64	\$72.80	\$182.00
	\$2,787.00 to \$3,003.99	\$2.03	\$40.60	\$101.50
	\$3,004.00 or more	nil	nil	nil

- WINZ can grant you the financial assistance you're entitled to from the date you first contact them, or the date your childcare started, whichever is later, if you complete your application within 20 working days of that date.

## How to apply

- All up to date information relating to an applying for an OSCAR subsidy can be found at <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/oscar-subsidy.html>
- suggest applying 3 to 4 weeks before you need your subsidy to start.
- WINZ can grant you the financial assistance you're entitled to from the date you first contact them, or the date your childcare started, whichever is later, if you complete your application within 20 working days of that date.
- You and your partner (if you have one) need to complete the [Childcare Assistance application form](#) this can be found on our website or at the above WINZ address
- Busy Bumbles Accounts Manager needs to complete the supervisor's section inside this form.
- You'll need to email the application form, and any other documents WINZ have asked you to get to [Centralised\\_childcare\\_reviews@msd.govt.nz](mailto:Centralised_childcare_reviews@msd.govt.nz) or we can send this to WINZ on your behalf. WINZ will contact you directly if further information is required.