

# Child Care Subsidy

In January 2024, the Ministry of Social Services launched the new Saskatchewan Employment Incentive (SEI) program, that supports working families with low incomes. The new program will replace the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) program which is now closed to new applicants. Current CCS clients will continue to receive benefits as long as they meet the CCS eligibility criteria while the program remains open.

To apply for SEI, please visit [Saskatchewan Employment Incentive \(SEI\) | Financial Help | Government of Saskatchewan](#) or call 1-888-488-6385 to learn more and request that your CCS file be closed. Parents cannot receive CCS benefits while receiving SEI benefits.

The Child Care Subsidy is a monthly subsidy that helps Saskatchewan families with the costs of child care. Child care subsidies are available for services provided by licensed child care facilities. Subsidies are provided directly to child care facilities to reduce the fees charged to eligible parents. Subsidies vary on a sliding scale with income – the lower the income, the higher the subsidy.

**To remain eligible for a child care subsidy, individuals must have been receiving CCS before January 16, 2024, and not have since become ineligible for CCS, and:**

- have lawful custody of a child or children under the age of 13 years receiving care in a licensed facility,
- be Canadian citizens or have permanent resident status in Canada,
- be residents of Saskatchewan, and
- have a valid reason for care.

Child Care Subsidy amounts take into account gross income, family size, the location of a child care facility, the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) grant amount and the age of the child. For more information on the ELCC grant, please visit: [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/child-care/federal-funding-for-early-learning-and-child-care](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/child-care/federal-funding-for-early-learning-and-child-care)

Maximum subsidy rates vary by location and whether full-time care or part-time care is needed.

**For more information about the Child Care Subsidy, please contact:**

Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services, Child Care Subsidy Office

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Maximum Subsidy Rates	Tier 1*		Tier 2*		Tier 3*	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
<b>Child Care Centres and Family Child Care Homes (6 to under 13)</b>						
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$365	\$365	\$325	\$325	\$315	\$315
<b>School Age:</b>						
Sept. to June	\$275	\$275	\$245	\$245	\$230	\$230
July and Aug.	\$385	\$275	\$340	\$245	\$330	\$230

\*The tiers are based on location of the child care centre / home as follows:

**Tier 1** – Regina, Saskatoon, and Communities in the Northern Administration District

**Tier 2** – Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Battlefords, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Nipawin, Balgonie, Pilot Butte, Martensville, Warman, White Cap Dakota First Nation

**Tier 3** – Other Cities, Towns and Rural Areas