

What is FamilyBoost?

This fact sheet gives an overview of FamilyBoost, including who can claim and the amount you may be able to claim.

FamilyBoost is a new childcare payment to help eligible households pay for the cost of early childhood education (ECE).

From 1 July 2024, if you're eligible, you will be able to claim up to 25% of your weekly childcare fees, or a maximum of \$975 every 3-months. Childcare fees can include optional charges and services, they do not include donations that you make.

Who can get FamilyBoost

Being eligible for FamilyBoost will depend on who cares for your children, your household income and the type of childcare you pay for.

You may be able to receive FamilyBoost if you:

- are the caregiver of a child or children aged 5 and under,
- have household income of less than \$180,000 a year,
- have fees from a licensed ECE provider, and
- are a tax resident of New Zealand.

Amount you can claim

Claims for FamilyBoost are for the household, not for each individual child.

What you will be able to get is based on your household income.

The amount that can be claimed slowly reduces for household incomes over \$140,000 to a maximum of \$180,000.

Yearly household income	Maximum amount refunded, paid quarterly
Up to \$140,000	\$975
\$150,000	\$731.25
\$160,000	\$487.50
\$170,000	\$243.75

How to claim FamilyBoost

Save copies of invoices from your ECE provider.

If your children go to different ECE providers, you will need invoices from each ECE provider.

From mid-September 2024, you will be able to register for FamilyBoost in myIR.

To register you will need:

- a myIR login
- an IRD number for each child attending ECE
- your bank information
- your partner's details.

From 1 October 2024, you will be able to submit your FamilyBoost claim for 1 July—30 September in myIR.

How often you can claim

FamilyBoost can be claimed for the following quarters:

- July to September
- October to December
- January to March
- April to June.

You will need to make a new claim for each quarter.

Your household income

If you're a salary and wage earner, we'll use your income information to work out your household income. If you're self-employed, we'll use your income tax return. Overdue income tax returns need to be filed before you can claim FamilyBoost.

If you have a partner their income will be included in your household income.

Care arrangements

Separated parents or caregivers living in separate households can claim FamilyBoost if you:

- have regular day-to-day care of the child or children
- each have costs for ECE
- each have separate invoices in your names

Payments received from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD)

You will be able to claim FamilyBoost if you are getting payments from MSD and have ECE costs for a child in your household.

Receiving other subsidies

If you get other subsidies to help with your childcare and have extra costs after this, you will be able to claim FamilyBoost.

You cannot claim for any costs already covered by a subsidy. An example of a subsidy is the Childcare Subsidy from Work and Income.

For more information

To check if you're eligible or get an estimate of how much you may be able to claim, go to ird.govt.nz/FamilyBoost, or you can call us on 0800 767 287 Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm.



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Forgotten your user ID or password?

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