

Alberta Child Care Subsidy

The Alberta Child Care Subsidy Program helps eligible families with children from 0-12 years old and who are not yet in grade 7 to pay child care costs for children enrolled in an approved family day home, a licensed daycare program, licensed out-of-school care program or licensed group family child care program.

For more information you can call 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 within Edmonton, Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 8:00 pm, or follow [this link](#) for more detailed information.

Maximum subsidy rates vary by program type and the age of child attending child care.

If you would like support in this application process, you can contact [Alberta Supports](#), who can assist you and refer you to other programs you might be eligible for.

Alberta Child Care Subsidy *Application Process*



Confirm Eligibility

You can apply for a subsidy if:

- You or your spouse/partner, or the child receiving care are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada;
- You or your spouse/partner are an Alberta resident;
- Your children are 12 years of age or younger and are not yet attending Grade 7;
- You and your spouse/partner are currently working, attending school, looking for work or have special needs or you or your spouse/partner stay-at-home and have your child(ren) enrolled in a licensed pre-school or approved early childhood development program.



Apply for the Subsidy

There are two ways to apply for the Alberta Childcare Subsidy:

- (1) **Applying Online:** apply online through [this link](#). If you have applied online you must also submit the [CRA Consent Applicant Declaration and Acknowledgement form](#).
- (2) **Mail in Application:** [download an application form](#) and mail it to:

Child Care Subsidy
PO Box 1641, Station M
Edmonton, AB T5J 2N9
Fax: 780-422-5692

This helpful [Guide to Completing Your Subsidy Application](#) is also available.

If you or your child's reason for care is a special need, you must also complete and submit a [Verification of Valid Reason for Care – Special Needs form](#). You will need to have an authorized professional complete certain sections of the form.



Approved

If approved for subsidy, you will receive a letter indicating the subsidy start and end date and the amount of child care subsidy your licensed or approved child care program will receive on your behalf.



Rejected

If your application is not approved, you will receive a Refusal Letter stating the reasons why subsidy was not approved. You can request a review of a subsidy decision by submitting completing the [Administrative Review Request form](#) within 30 days from the date of the decision.



Amount and Payment

Once approved, the subsidy is paid directly to the child care provider by Human Services Alberta. You can estimate how much your subsidy would be using [this tool](#).