

Hours entitlement — how many hours am I entitled to?

From **5 January 2026**, the Activity Test has been replaced by the **3 Day Guarantee**. This is a **federal government policy that applies in every state and territory across Australia** — NSW, VIC, QLD, WA, SA, TAS, ACT and NT. It applies to all approved service types, including Outside School Hours Care (OSHC).

Every CCS-eligible family is now guaranteed at least 72 hours of subsidised care per fortnight (equivalent to 3 days per week), regardless of work, study or activity levels. If you already receive CCS, this was applied automatically — no action required.

Hours at a glance

Minimum — all eligible families (3 Day Guarantee)



Maximum — families with 48+ hrs participation per fortnight



First Nations children — automatic entitlement



Getting more than 72 hours

To access up to **100 hours per fortnight**, both you and your partner (if applicable) need to undertake more than **48 hours of recognised participation per fortnight**. Centrelink uses the lower activity level between both parents or guardians.

✓ Paid work

✓ Self-employment

✓ Approved study or training

✓ Apprenticeship

✓ Volunteering

✓ Actively looking for work

✓ Approved exemption

Do I need to apply? If you already receive CCS, the 3 Day Guarantee was applied automatically from 5 January 2026. If you have never claimed CCS, you will need to submit a new CCS claim through myGov before you can access the guaranteed 72 hours.