



**Work and Income**  
Te Hiranga Tangata

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If you're a parent aged under 18  
and you're in secondary school,  
we can help pay childcare costs  
for your children under 5



**THE YOUNG PARENT  
CHILDCARE PAYMENT**



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We can grant you financial assistance from the date you first contact us, if you complete your application within 20 working days of that date.

## TO GET THE YOUNG PARENT CHILDCARE PAYMENT YOU NEED TO BE:

- aged under 18 *and*
- the person who has the primary responsibility for the day-to-day care of your children *and*
- in secondary school - this includes a Teen Parent Unit or Correspondence School *and*
- not getting a Domestic Purposes Benefit, Emergency Maintenance Allowance or a Widow's Benefit. If you or your partner are getting the Invalid's Benefit, please talk to us about whether you can get the payment.

If you don't qualify for the payment, for example you're over 18 or you're about to finish school and go into training or paid work, call us on 0800 559 009 to see how else we can help.

## WHAT DOES IT PAY FOR?

The payment covers the cost of childcare for the time you spend at school - this may include your travel time.

We pay up to **\$6 an hour** for each child under 5 - which covers the cost of most childcare centres or services - up to a maximum of \$180 each week. If this doesn't cover all the costs, you'll need to pay the rest to the centre or service yourself.

To get the payment your children need to go to an approved childcare centre or service - we can help you find one. We'll give the payment directly to the centre so you don't have to worry about it.

The payment won't continue over the school holidays - if the childcare centre or service charges a fee to keep your children's places over the holidays, we'll pay it.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

To get a Young Parent Childcare payment application form call **0800 559 009**, or visit your nearest Work and Income service centre.

Your parent or guardian must sign the form (unless you are married, in a civil union or in a de facto relationship with someone of the same or opposite sex). The form also needs to be signed by your school, and the childcare centre or service.

If you'd like help filling in the form or you have any questions, please call us on **0800 559 009**.

## ONCE THE PAYMENT STARTS YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW IF:

- you stop going to school *or*
- your children are away from the childcare centre or service for more than 15 working days at a time, or they stop going to the centre or service, *or*
- your personal details change (e.g. your name or address).

## CONTACTING US

Call Work and Income on **0800 559 009** from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday or 8am to 1 pm Saturday. If you are deaf or find it hard to communicate by phone, you can send a message to our Deaf Link free-fax **0800 621 621**.