



JOBS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING CHILD CARE FROM 3 JULY 2006

What is Jobs, Education and Training Child Care?

Jobs, Education and Training Child Care provides extra help with the cost of approved child care for eligible parents undertaking activities such as job search, work, study or rehabilitation as part of an activity agreement, to help them enter or re-enter the workforce.

JET Child Care can help meet the cost of child care by paying most of the 'gap fee' not covered by Child Care Benefit for the hours of care you need to do your approved activity. JET Child Care is paid for the full session of care charged for, even if your child only attends for part of this session. Eligible parents pay their child care service 10 cents per hour per child for each of the hours they are charged for up to the weekly limit of their Child Care Benefit eligible hours.

JET Child Care is paid to approved child care services on your behalf. Approved child care services include long day care, family day care, in-home care, outside school hours care, vacation care and some occasional care services. Such services are approved by the Australian Government to provide Child Care Benefit to parents as reduced fees, so you pay less out of your own pocket. Child care services can tell you if they are approved to provide Child Care Benefit.

To receive JET Child Care, you must:

- be receiving an eligible Centrelink payment
- have a JET Child Care activity specified in your Activity Agreement
- not have exceeded the length of time for which JET Child Care can be paid for activities in your agreement
- be receiving Child Care Benefit at the maximum rate
- use approved child care

If you receive one of the following Centrelink payments you may be eligible for JET Child Care:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newstart Allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Allowance (for jobseekers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Payment | <input type="checkbox"/> Carer Payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Widow Allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> Widow B Pension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> A means tested ABSTUDY payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDEP Participant Supplement | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Benefit (in certain circumstances) |



What activities does JET Child Care support?

JET Child Care supports many activities to help parents enter or re-enter the workforce. As outlined below, there are limits to the length of time JET Child Care will be paid for an activity.

- Job search – 20 days in 20 weeks
- Paid and unpaid work – the initial 26 weeks of a job
- Study or training – courses of up to 12 months duration*
- Participation in a labour market program – up to 12 months, but may be extended
- Participation in the Personal Support Program – up to 12 months, but may be extended
- Participation in a government funded rehabilitation program – up to 12 months, but may be extended
- Other activities that aid parents to engage in sustainable paid work

*JET Child Care will support courses of study or training that are normally completed within 12 months by a person studying full-time. Parents who undertake such courses part-time will be assisted for the time it takes them to finish their course.

If you are doing more than one JET Child Care activity at the same time, the longest activity limit will apply to all of the activities.

How many hours a week can I get JET Child Care for?

The number of hours you can receive JET Child Care in a week depends on

- the care you need to support your JET Child Care activities, and
- the hours of care you are charged for by your child care service.

The hours you receive JET Child Care for in a week cannot exceed the hours you receive Child Care Benefit in the same week.

Absences from child care

JET Child Care can be paid in some situations if you are charged for child care when your child is absent. Payment can be made for up to 30 days of absences for each child per financial year. Talk to your service about the reason for the absence. If you have a special reason, the absence may not be counted as one of your child's 30 allowable absences.

For further information on JET Child Care, contact the Family Assistance Office on 13 6150.