

Examples of Subvention Fees:

Example 1 You qualify for **Band A** and your **15 mth old** attends a crèche full time five days a week

Full rate charged by childcare service for 5 full days per week	€150.00
Less Subvention	
Band A, full time service for 5 days	€100.00
You pay (for 5 full days)	€50.00

Example 2 You qualify for **Band A** and your **3 year old** attends playschool five mornings a week for 3hrs

Full rate charged by childcare service for 5 mornings or afternoons per week	€65.00
Less Subvention	
Band A, sessional service for 5 mornings or afternoons	€33.00
You pay (for 5 sessional mornings or afternoons)	€32.00

Example 3 You qualify under **Band B** and your **2 year old** attends full day childcare 3 days a week

Full rate charged by childcare service for 3 days full rate per week	€90.00
Less Subvention	
Band B, full-time service for 3 days	€30.00
(Subvention for 5 days = €50 ÷ 5 = €10 x 3 = €30)	
You pay (for 3 full days)	€60.00

Example 4 You qualify for **Band B** subvention and your child attends after school 2 afternoons a week

Full rate charged by childcare service for 2 part-time after school days per week	€30.00
Less Subvention	
Band B, part-time service for 2 days	€10.00
(Subvention for 5 days = €25 ÷ 5 = €5 x 2 = €10)	
You pay (for 2 part-time afternoons)	€20.00

Further information on your entitlements and eligibility for the above bands can be found on www.welfare.ie and www.hse.ie



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For further information please contact your

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Table I - Eligibility Criteria

What is it all about?

The Community Childcare Subvention (CCS) Scheme aims to support disadvantaged parents/guardians and provides support for parents/guardians in low paid employment and training or education to reduce their childcare costs.

As a parent/guardian you will qualify if you fall into any of the two bands (A or B) as outlined in Table 1.

- **Band A** - Parents on Family Income Support (FIS)
- **Band A** - Parents who are in receipt of Job Seekers Benefit/Assistance receive subvention for a maximum of five hours of childcare per day, or 2.5 days per week. (known as Band AJ)
- **Band B** - Includes low income working parents above the FIS threshold, for example parents holding Medical or GP Visit Cards.

The Community Childcare Subvention Scheme (CCSS) was replaced by the CCS in September 2010. Under the scheme, qualifying parents/guardians can avail of subsidy towards the cost of their childcare (e.g. Full-Day, Breakfast Club, Pre-school and After-school).

The CCS continues to be restricted to **Community/not-for-profit Childcare Services**. For a detailed list of Community Childcare Services in County Limerick, please contact County Limerick Childcare Committee on, Tel. 061 600918 Email. info@clcc.ie

How much of a subvention am I entitled to?

If you qualify for the scheme, the amount of subvention you receive will depend on the number of hours per day and days per week that your child attends the Community Childcare Service. The subvention should be taken off the full price of your childcare and you will pay the balance.

Types of Subvention	Child's attendance (hrs per day)
Full-Day Subvention	minimum 5 hrs
Part-Time Subvention	minimum 3 hrs 31 mins - maximum 5 hrs
Sessional Subvention	minimum 2¼ hrs - maximum 3½ hrs
Half-Session Subvention	up to 2¼ hours per day

How do I qualify?

If you are a parent whose child is attending a community childcare service, you will be asked by the childcare staff/manager to complete a **Declaration Form** in September/October of each year.

As a parent/guardian you will qualify if you fall into any of the two bands (A or B) as outlined in Table 1. This information is kept strictly confidential by your Childcare Service (who are asked not to keep any copies of the declaration form) and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA). All data is kept with the DCYA.

What do I do next?

From **Table 1**, choose what band you are in and what length of service you will be using and what subvention you are entitled to per week.

Next, contact your chosen **Community Childcare Service** and make them aware of your entitlements.

There are some examples overleaf to guide you.

Please note: The Community Childcare Service full rate will vary from centre to centre and the prices given overleaf are for illustration purposes only.

Nominal fees may apply in individual Childcare Service.



Band A	
• One Parent Family Payment	Full-Day Payment €100
• Widows/Widowers Pension	
• Job Seekers Benefit/Assistance* (AJ)	Half-Day Payment €50
• Pre-retirement Allowance	
• Farm Assist	Sessional Payment €33
• State Pension	
• Blind Pension	
• Guardian's Payment	Half Session Payment €16
• Illness/Injury Benefit	
• Disability Allowance	
• Carer's Benefit/ Allowance	
• Back to Work/Education Allowance	
• Supplementary Welfare Allowance**	
• Community Employment	
• Domiciliary Care Allowance	
• Family Income Supplement (FIS)	
• HSE Referrals	
• Secondary School students	

* parents in receipt of Jobseekers Benefit/Assistance (JB/JA) qualify for subvented childcare to a maximum of €50 subvention per week (Band AJ).

** A similar cap applies to Basic Payments under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, as many of those in receipt of such payments are awaiting a decision on a Jobseekers Benefit/Assistance claim. In the event that this payment concludes with a successful claim which attracts a full rate Band A eligibility (e.g. One parent Family Payment) then the eligibility for that payment can be back dated to the start of the period for which the basic payment applied.

Band B	
• Medical Card	Full-Day Payment €50
• GP Visit Card	
• Parents who no longer qualify for Band A/AJ this year but who were verified as being on Band A/AJ the previous school year	Half-Day Payment €25
	Sessional Payment €17
	Half Session Payment €8.50