

# OSCAR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Information guide to help support our families through their application process.



## Will I even be eligible?...

### You may be able to get an OSCAR Subsidy if:

- you're the main carer of a dependent child
- you're a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- your family is on a low or middle income.

### You also need to be in one of these situations:

- working, studying or on an approved training course
- involved in an activity that Work and Income has asked you to do a shift worker who works nights
- seriously ill or disabled caring for a child in hospital or for a child you get the Child Disability Allowance for.
- You can't get the OSCAR Subsidy if the child's other parent or caregiver can take care of the child.

**It also depends on how much you and your partner earn.**

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This represents the amount of families in Aotearoa that from the 1st of April will now be entitled to receive a childcare subsidy!!

It is well worth finding out if you are entitled to receive something!

## Important to Note:

To receive your OSCAR subsidy from the day your child starts the programme, you need to submit your application to WINZ **before** your child's first day.

**This is especially important during the school holidays.**

**Tip: It pays to plan ahead...be prepared, book all the days in that you will require care for ahead of time.**



## The child or young person must:

- Normally live in New Zealand
- Be at school
- Be under 14 (or under 18 if you get a Child Disability Allowance for them)
- Be attending an approved OSCAR programme for at least 3 hours a week.

## Approved Programmes Include:

- Before school
- After school
- Holiday programmes and camps.

 [Click here to download your form](#)

All MASH Programmes are OSCAR Approved.



# What's my entitlement?

Great news! You believe you meet the above criteria and now you are ready to find out what you might get!

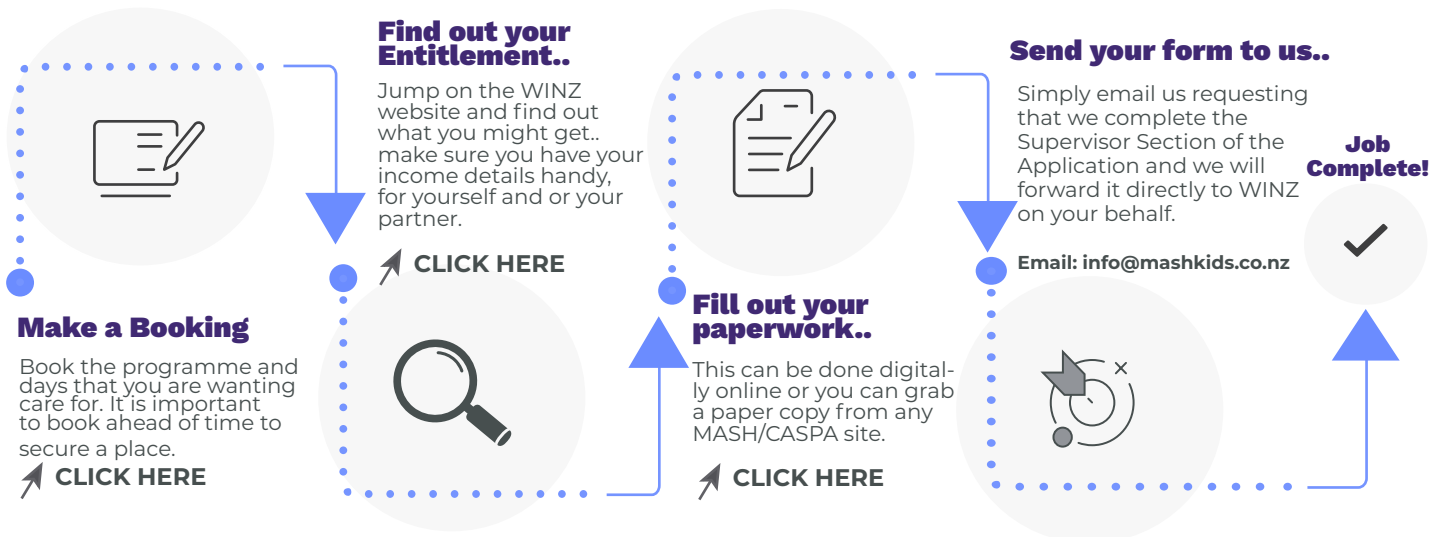
Please note that the OSCAR Subsidy is income tested so you will need to ensure you declare all earnings.

**CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU MIGHT GET**



## What are the steps to sign up...

You've worked out what your estimated entitlement may be and now you are ready to start the application process and apply..



## Will it even be worth my time?...

Have you ever heard the saying "Better a penny in your pocket"? Well essentially that is exactly why we encourage our working parents/caregivers to take the time and apply for the subsidy if they are eligible.

The new change to the OSCAR subsidy threshold is to make it more accessible for working families, to help ease any financial pressure from the steady cost of living increase.

Quality time with our children is something all working parents long for! The money you save on childcare costs could be used towards something exciting, such as a family trip away or an exciting experience.



**SO THAT'S A YES FROM US...YES IT IS WORTH YOUR TIME!!!**

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Based on current pricing, subject to change

## What does that number represent...

That number represents what you would pay PER DAY, for the longest after school session time if you were eligible for the highest subsidy amount!

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