

## Eligibility

To receive child care subsidy you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must be a resident of BC.
2. You must be one of the following:
  - a Canadian citizen,
  - a Permanent Resident of Canada,
  - a Convention Refugee, or
  - a Person in need of protection.
3. You must have an eligible child care arrangement provided in BC. Eligible child care arrangements include:
  - Licensed (a family home, group child care centre or preschool);
  - Registered Licence-not-required;
  - Licence-not-required;
  - In the Child's Own Home.

For more information on the various types of child care arrangements that may be subsidized, refer to the [Eligible Child Care Arrangements](#). For assistance in locating a licensed child care provider in your community, use the [Child Care Search](#) tool.

4. You and your spouse (if applicable) must have one of the following reasons for needing child care:
  - employed or self-employed;
  - attending an educational institution or enrolled in distance education;
  - seeking employment or participating in an employment-related program (only one parent can be seeking employment);
  - have a medical condition that interferes with your ability to care for your child(ren);
  - have a child attending a licensed preschool;
  - have been referred by a Ministry of Children and Family Development or Delegated Aboriginal Agency social worker.
5. You and your spouse must establish a financial need (if applicable). Proof of income will be required.