

The application process for applying for a Childcare/OSCAR Subsidy

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On Line Applications are available. Work & Income will contact you if there is additional information needed for the application.

Please phone the Work and Income contact centre at 0800-559-009. The date of the phone call becomes your verbal application date.

The contact centre representative will note your intention to apply for a subsidy and you will have 20 working days to lodge your on line application.

Once you have submitted your application on line, you will be sent an email with a reference number confirming that your application has been received. You then need to forward this email to your Childcare/Oscar provider as verification that you have lodged an application.

Your provider will then notify Work and Income with verification of your child's hours, fees and attendance.

Take supporting documents and if applicable, signed Partner Obligations form to any Work and Income office. It is not necessary to make an appointment to apply for a subsidy.

(Linwood, New Brighton, Papanui, Shirley, Riccarton, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Hornby and Ashburton)

Childcare subsidies will commence on the later of the following:

- The date the child begins attending the childcare centre

or

- The date of first contact to complete the application if received within 20 working days.

Please note there is no legislative authority to 'back date' applications.