

Emergency Child Care Subsidy FAQ



2022-23 Ukraine Nationals
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Emergency child care subsidies and supports are in place to help Ukraine National families settle in Alberta.

What is the Emergency Child Care Subsidy?

The Emergency Child Care Subsidy program provides funding to assist eligible families with the cost of attending a licensed child care program in Alberta. Eligible programs include: daycare, preschool, out-of-school care, a day home provider through a licensed family day home agency.

When is this effective?

The Emergency Child Care Subsidy program is effective June 1st.

How do I apply?

Visit the [Support for Ukraine website](#) for access to the Emergency Child Care Subsidy application form.

Who is eligible?

- You must be a Ukraine national;
- You must have a specially issued Alberta Health Care Card with an expiry date;
- You are accessing child care because you and your partner are working, attending school, looking for work, have or your child has a special need, or have an exceptional circumstance;
- Your children must attend a licensed child care program in Alberta; and
- Your children must be 12 years of age or younger and not yet attending grade 7.

Do I put my partner on the application if they are not in Canada?

Yes. Record your partner on the application in the co-applicant section and mark their reason for care as an exceptional circumstance.

Do both myself and my partner need a valid reason for accessing child care to receive child care subsidy?

Yes, you both must meet the reason for care requirement. This means you and your partner must either be working, attending school, looking for work, have a special need or your child in care has a special need or an exceptional circumstance.

How long am I able to receive the Emergency Child Care Subsidy for?

Currently, Ukraine nationals can apply up until March 31, 2023 to receive emergency subsidy for 6 months.

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Since this program will only last for six months, what do I do when the subsidy ends?

Plans are underway to provide child care subsidy to temporary residents and refugees who meet other child care subsidy eligibility requirements. This policy will be in place before you reach the end of your 6 months.

As a result, you will be able to apply to the regular child care subsidy program as temporary residents before your subsidy runs out.

Is income testing required?

No, income testing is not required to receive the Emergency Child Care Subsidy; however, if you wish to continue receiving subsidy after your subsidy expires, you must re-apply to the Child Care Subsidy program. Your application will be assessed based on your family's total gross income and other subsidy [eligibility](#) factors.

How much am I eligible for?

You will receive the maximum subsidy amount for each child. The subsidy amount will be different for each family. It will depend on if the child is school age and the type of care provided. Use the [estimator tool](#) and enter \$0 for income to estimate the amount of subsidy you are eligible to receive.

How do I apply?

Please complete an application and submit your completed application by email or fax:

Email: cs.emergencysubsidy@gov.ab.ca

Fax: 780-422-5692

If I have questions, who do I call?

For other questions please contact the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992.