

Child Care Expenses

Full-Time Learners, Non-EI

If you receive funding as a learner under the Income Support Program, you may be eligible to receive child care benefits.

You must complete a Child Care Expenses form and submit this form with either a completed Application for Income Support for Learners: Non-EI or a completed Change in Circumstances for Learners: Non-EI form to have child care expenses included in your monthly income support. These forms are available at your training provider or Human Resources and Employment delivery sites.

The Child Care Expenses and Change in Circumstances for Learners: Non-EI forms are available online at www.gov.ab.ca/hre/ets; click on Financial Support for Training.

Child Care Options

There are many child care options available to you: approved family day homes, day cares, family care, and private babysitting.

The most cost-effective child care option should be used.

Day Care or Family Day Home

Subsidized care in a day care or approved family day home is likely to be less costly than private babysitting. If you access subsidized care, you will be reimbursed the parent portion. The parent portion is the difference between the fee charged and the amount covered by subsidy. If you use day care or a family day home, you must apply and be approved for subsidized care.

If you have to pay a required deposit/registration fee, you can request these costs by completing and submitting a Change in Circumstances for Learners: Non-EI form.

For more information about subsidized child care and other child care options, contact your local Child and Family Services Authority – www.child.gov.ab.ca.

Family Care

Relatives (other than grandparents) who are not part of the household unit, may be paid at private babysitting rates. Grandparents, not living in the same home as the child, may be eligible to receive up to \$150 per child per month for child care.

Private Babysitting

In many circumstances and communities, the only child care option available is private babysitters. The following rates are provided.

Number of Children Maximum Hourly Rate	
1	\$4.00
2	\$5.50
3	\$7.00
4+	\$8.25

Special Circumstances

Higher hourly rates may be approved if special circumstances exist. Special circumstances may include shift work, a multi-needs child, or a substantiated need for 24-hour child care.

Whenever specialized child care is required, you must explain the reasons. Each situation is unique and is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Receipts

Although receipts are not needed with your application, you must keep your child care receipts in case of an audit.

Older Children

In most cases, child care coverage is limited to children 11 years of age and under. However, child care can be extended to older children in certain circumstances. You must explain your reasons for requiring child care for the older child before child care benefits can be issued.

For More Information

If you need any further information please, contact the Student Funding Contact Centre:

- **Call:** in Edmonton – (780) 427-3722, or toll-free at 1-800-222-6485. Student funding advisors are available 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.
- **E-mail:** use the secure e-Contact e-mail service available at <https://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/studentsfinance/econtact.asp>.