

WHAT IS WINZ?

Below is some information regarding WINZ subsidy and eligibility. Please be aware that this subsidy is provided by Work and Income NZ and Bizzy Bodz is not responsible for payments, approvals, or personal information.

WHAT IS A WINZ OR OSCAR SUBSIDY?

A WINZ/OSCAR subsidy refers to a payment that is provided by Work and Income New Zealand to help assist families with payments towards childcare. A WINZ and OSCAR subsidy are the same thing.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A WINZ SUBSIDY?

You can apply for a subsidy if;

- you're the main carer of a dependent child/ren
- you're a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- your family is on a low or middle income.
- your child/ren has at least three hours of care a week

The childcare assistance available to you will depend on your individual situation and the type of childcare your child/ren is enrolled in.

HOW MUCH CAN I BE APPROVED FOR?

Below are the rates as of 1st April 2021 from WINZ website. Please visit

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/deskfile/extra-help-information/childcare-assistance-tables/oscar-subsidy-current.html> for more information

Number of children	Gross weekly income	OSCAR Subsidy (per hour, per child)	(per week, per child)	
			Term time (for 20 hours)	Holidays (for 50 hours)
1	Less than \$800.00	\$5.37	\$107.40	\$268.50
	\$800.00 to \$1,199.99	\$4.28	\$85.60	\$214.00
	\$1,200.00 to \$1,299.99	\$2.99	\$59.80	\$149.50
	\$1,300.00 to \$1,399.99	\$1.67	\$33.40	\$83.50
	\$1,400.00 or more	nil	nil	nil
2	Less than \$920.00	\$5.37	\$107.40	\$268.50
	\$920.00 to \$1,379.99	\$4.28	\$85.60	\$214.00
	\$1,380.00 to \$1,489.99	\$2.99	\$59.80	\$149.50
	\$1,490.00 to \$1,599.99	\$1.67	\$33.40	\$83.50
	\$1,600.00 or more	nil	nil	nil
3 or more	Less than \$1,030.00	\$5.37	\$107.40	\$268.50
	\$1,030.00 to \$1,539.99	\$4.28	\$85.60	\$214.00
	\$1,540.00 to \$1,669.99	\$2.99	\$59.80	\$149.50
	\$1,670.00 to \$1,799.99	\$1.67	\$33.40	\$83.50
	\$1,800.00 or more	nil	nil	nil

HOW TO APPLY FOR WINZ?

All caregivers who wish to apply for a WINZ subsidy will need to enrol with Bizzy Bodz on AimyPlus via; bizzybodz.aimyplus.com. You will then have to create a booking for your child in AimyPlus and select OSCAR Subsidy prior to WINZ forms being completed. For assistance on how to book please see our Frequently Asked Questions at bizzybodz.co.nz for a step-by-step guide.

WHICH FORMS SHOULD I FILL IN?

For all first-time caregivers wishing to apply for a subsidy you are to fill in a "Childcare Assistance Application Form". Caregivers are to complete pages 1-24 and Bizzy Bodz will complete pages 25-28.

Bizzy Bodz will fill in this application based off your booking in AimyPlus. It will then be emailed to you to submit alongside your application. All applications are to be submitted by the main carer of the dependent child/ren. With this form you are to provide copies of documentation (listed on page 3) which is why Bizzy Bodz does not submit your forms for you.

Forms and documentation can be dropped to your local WINZ office, applied for online through your MSD Portal or you can email these through directly to; childcare_forms@msd.govt.nz.

HOW LONG DOES WINZ TAKE?

WINZ takes 3-4 weeks to process, it is important to submit your paperwork prior to your booking starting. Caregivers are required to pay for all fees until WINZ approves your application. If your WINZ is approved Caregivers will be responsible for the balance of fees after WINZ contribution.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

