



Fact sheet

Nanny Pilot Programme

What is the Nanny Pilot Programme?

The two-year Nanny Pilot Programme will support participating families who struggle to access child care services when working, studying or training by providing fee assistance to eligible families using a nanny in the family home.

The pilot programme will support families who struggle to access child care services, particularly if they work non-standard hours, or live in regional or remote areas or away from existing child care.

The pilot programme will formally commence in early 2016 when service providers begin matching nannies to participating families. The start date for a nanny will depend on each family's requirements, and when a suitable nanny is available. We expect that the take up of the pilot will grow over time as more nannies and families are progressively matched and care commences.

What fee assistance will families be eligible for?

Families will be subsidised a percentage of the fixed hourly rate of \$7.00 per hour per child, for a maximum of 100 hours per fortnight.

Families earning up to \$60,000 per year will be eligible for the maximum subsidy of \$5.95 per hour per child, decreasing to the minimum subsidy of \$3.50 per hour per child for families earning between \$165,000 and \$250,000 per year.

Families on incomes of \$250,000 per year or above are not eligible to participate in the pilot programme.

The subsidy will be paid direct to services to pass on to families as a fee reduction. This will assist the family budget, and make using a nanny a more affordable care option for participating families.

How to apply?

Families

Applications for families are now closed and late applications will not be accepted.

The department will notify families who have been selected to participate in the pilot programme in December 2015.

Families can send questions to NannyPilot@dss.gov.au or call **1800 249 873**.

Following the initial selection of families, the department will keep a register of eligible families to fill any places that might become available during the two-year pilot programme.

Service providers

The pilot programme will be delivered through service providers selected by the department. Services will be responsible for finding suitable nannies for successful families.

Providers delivering the pilot will be required to assist the Government in gathering information and data, which will inform the programme's evaluation in 2017.

The application process for eligible service providers has now closed.

Details about the funding round are available on the department's grants webpage at **www.dss.gov.au/grants/grants-funding-open-for-application/nanny-pilot-programme-service-providers**

Once finalised, a list of successful service providers will be available at **www.dss.gov.au/nannypilot**

Nannies

Nannies must be 18 years old, hold a Working with Children Check and a first aid qualification, and be an Australian citizen or permanent resident or have a relevant visa that allows employment on a continuous basis of 12 months or more. Nannies must also not be immediately related to the children in their care or be living with them in a family-like relationship.

Nannies will need to be connected to an approved service provider that the department will select.

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What will happen at the end of the two-year pilot programme?

The Nanny Pilot Programme will end in December 2017. A formal evaluation will be undertaken throughout the programme to help the Government develop future policy for care provided in the family home.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, visit **www.dss.gov.au/nannypilot**