



Questions and Answers

FamilyBoost proposals

What is proposed?

Note that these are still only proposals and not yet law:

- The percentage of ECE fees that families can claim is increasing from 25% to 40%. This raises the maximum payment amount families can receive from \$975 per quarter to \$1,560 per quarter.
- The rate at which the maximum payment reduces for families earning over \$35,000 per quarter (\$140,000 per annum), will decrease from 9.75% to 7%. This raises the income amount at which the payment cuts off at from \$45,000 per quarter to \$57,286 per quarter (\$180,000 per annum to \$229,100 per annum).

I am already receiving FamilyBoost. How will I be affected?

Families already qualifying for FamilyBoost could receive up to an extra \$585 per quarter. They do not need to do anything different to what they currently do to claim FamilyBoost.

The proposed changes mean I may qualify for FamilyBoost. What do I have to do?

You need to register for FamilyBoost in myIR before you can make a claim. You only need to register once. You will find full details of the existing registration and application process and general information about the scheme [here](#).

Our family income is just over the abatement threshold. Do we get anything?

It is likely you will receive an increase. The existing abatement threshold of \$35,000 per quarter remains unchanged but under the proposals, the percentage of fees you can claim would increase and the payment abatement rate decreases.

Under the proposal, a family can continue to receive FamilyBoost for income over the threshold but it will reduce (abate) by 7 cents for every dollar earned over the threshold and then cuts out altogether at \$57,286 per quarter. A family in this income bracket would receive FamilyBoost payments of the lesser of:

- 40% of their ECE fees, or
- The maximum amount (\$1,560) less 7 cents for each dollar they earned over \$35,000 a quarter.

When will the new payments begin?

These are only proposals at this stage and have to be legislated. If legislation is enacted, the new rules will apply to invoices for the 1 July to 30 September quarter and would be able to be claimed from 1 October 2025.