

# Working Parents Benefit

Apply for \$561 per child benefit by March 31, 2021

## Overview

The pandemic and the economic downturn have created significant stress for working parents – many of you have continued working to fuel our economy and provide essential services through extreme challenges. Some families have lost work, and others have been working from home.

As a result, fewer families have been using child care this year, which means that some of the money the government budgeted to help parents with their child care fees was not used. The Alberta government is returning that money directly into the pockets of the families who need it most to assist them with the financial pressures they have faced this past year.

## One-time benefit

On March 1, the Alberta government launched the Working Parents Benefit that will provide a one-time \$561 benefit per child for eligible parents.

## Eligibility

You may be eligible to apply if:

- you had a household income of \$100,000 or less in the 2020 tax year
- you are a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident living in Alberta
- you are the parent or legal guardian of a child who was born on or after February 29, 2008
- you paid \$561 per child or more for 3 months of child care between April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 (receipts required)
- the child care you paid for was provided by (receipts, bills or invoices required) someone other than the child's father or mother, your spouse or common law partner, or someone who is dependent on you or dependent on your spouse or common law partner, including:
  - a licensed daycare
  - a licensed out-of-school care
  - a licensed group family child care
  - an approved family day home
  - a private day home
  - a nanny
  - any other child care provider, licensed or unlicensed
- you required the child care above because you were working or attending school

**Please note that you have until March 31, 2021 to apply and will require a [MyAlberta Digital ID](#) to receive the benefit.**

## For more information

More information about eligibility and application process for the Working Parents Benefit is available online at [Alberta.ca/WorkingParentsBenefit](#) or by calling [1-844-431-1448](#) toll free.