

# CHILD CARE SUBSIDY - Outside of Toronto

## WHAT IS A CHILD CARE SUBSIDY?

Child care subsidy programs assist with the cost of childcare for children 0 -12\* years of age (\*varies depending on municipality). Subsidy is available for licensed group daycare centres and licensed home child care.

## WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Peel

- Live in Peel Region.
- Be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or refugee with a valid work permit or school authorization, and be residing with the child(ren).
- Be the parent, foster parent or legal guardian of a child up to 12 years of age.
- Are employed or enrolled in a recognized education or training program.

### York

- Live in York Region.
- Be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or refugee with a valid work permit or school authorization, and be residing with the child(ren).
- Have children aged birth to 10 years (up to 12 years in exceptional circumstances).
- Have an assessed financial need.
- Are employed, enrolled in an education or training program, or in a situation where there is a major risk to the health safety, or well being of a family member.

### Durham

- Live in Durham Region.
- Be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or refugee with a valid work permit or school authorization, and be residing with the child(ren).
- Have an assessed financial need.
- Are employed, enrolled in an education or training program, or have a recognized need (i.e. special needs, relief care, etc.).

### Halton

- Live in Halton Region.
- Be working, training or attending school.
- Have children from birth to 12 years of age in licensed child care programs.
- Be financially eligible for the child care fee subsidy.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

All Ontario municipalities require that family members file their Income Tax Return every year. If you have recently arrived in Canada, you may still apply before you have to file your first tax return. You will need to file taxes for the year in which you arrive.

### Peel

- Fill out the subsidy application form on the [Region of Peel website](#) or call 905-793-9200 to apply by phone.
- A child care fee subsidy application should be completed four to six weeks before the confirmed start date for work/school or when a subsidized child care space has been secured by the parent or legal guardian. For qualifying families, there is no wait for child care fee subsidy.

### Durham

- Fill out an [online application](#) or call the Children's Services Division (Central Office) at 905-666-6238. You will be asked basic information and, if eligible, your family will be placed on the wait list.
- Once your name is added to the wait list, you will receive a letter in the mail confirming your wait list date. The Region manages the wait list on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
- When your name reaches the top of the list, you will be contacted to arrange an intake interview to assess eligibility. You will be advised of the required documentation you will need for the appointment.

### Halton

- Fill out the subsidy application form on the [Halton Region website](#) or call 311
- An intake worker will call you within 7 to 10 business days to discuss your application.
- If it appears you may be eligible, you will receive a letter stating the required documents needed to complete the application process.
- You must send all required documents for your application to be considered complete.
- You will receive a confirmation email with next steps of application process.

### York

- Fill out an online subsidy application form on the [York Region website](#) or Call 1-888-703-5437 and press option 1
- You will receive a confirmation email with next steps of application process.
- You will be asked a standard set of questions about your child care needs and income. Based on the information you provide, you will be told you if you are eligible to be placed on the wait list.
- Once your name is added to the wait list, you will receive a letter in the mail confirming the date you registered and the documents you need to bring to an intake interview.
  - When your name reaches the top of the list, you will be called to attend an Intake Interview at a local Children's Services office.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- Peel Region: [www.peelregion.ca/children/](http://www.peelregion.ca/children/)
- York Region: [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)
- Durham Region: [www.durham.ca](http://www.durham.ca)
- Halton Region: [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)
- Canada Revenue Agency [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca)
- Government of Canada Information Line: 1-800-622-6232

**For more information on childcare options, financial assistance, and parenting resources, please contact the Family Care Office.**  
**416.978.0951 [www.familycare.utoronto.ca](http://www.familycare.utoronto.ca)**

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