



About the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) covers part or all the cost of basic dental services for children who are eligible.

Children who are eligible for the CDBS can access general dental treatment at public and participating private dental clinics.

The CDBS is part of Medicare, Australia's health care system that provides access to a wide range of health and hospital services at low or no cost.

Who is eligible?

You don't need to apply or register for CDBS. If your child is eligible for the CDBS you will automatically receive a letter from Services Australia to inform you. The letter will come to you via post or through myGov.

You can also check if your child is eligible in your myGov online account.

Children are eligible if they are:

- under 18 years of age
- eligible for Medicare, and
- getting a government support payment at least once a year, or have a parent, carer or guardian who is getting a government support payment.

Government payments that count toward CDBS eligibility are listed below.

Payments to a parent, carer or guardian	Payments to a child	Payments to a teenager's partner
Family Tax Benefit Part A	ABSTUDY	Family Tax Benefit Part A
Parenting Payment	Family Tax Benefit Part A	Parenting Payment
Double Orphan Pension	Carer Payment	
	Disability Support Pension	
	Parenting Payment	
	Special Benefit	
	Youth Allowance	
	Department of Veterans' Affairs education allowances under the: Veterans' Children Education Scheme (if aged 16–17) Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (if aged 16–17)	

What dental services are covered?

Dental services covered by the CDBS include:

- check-ups
- X-rays
- cleaning
- fissure sealing
- fillings
- root canals
- extractions
- partial dentures.

The CDBS does not cover orthodontic treatment, cosmetic dental work or dental services in a hospital.

How do I access the CDBS?

If your child is eligible, \$1,132* worth of dental services is available to use over two years.

- Check your child's eligibility before booking your dental appointment.
- When you are booking a dental appointment, check if your dental practice provides services under the CDBS.
- Let them know you plan to use the CDBS for your child's treatment.

*This is the 2025 indexed amount. The CDBS amount is adjusted on 1 January each year.

More information

More young Australians now have access to subsidised dental health services through the CDBS. To find out more about how Medicare can help you, visit [medicare.gov.au/stronger](https://www.medicare.gov.au/stronger)



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