

## 2020-21 subsidy rates

While the Carer Subsidy is the primary method for providing carers with financial support, other subsidies and financial supports are available to carers depending on their situation. These are outlined in the table below and the following section 'Financial support payments'.

Subsidy	Age group	Weekly rate	Who is eligible? What is the subsidy expected to cover?
<b>Foster and Kinship Care Subsidy (Carer Subsidy) and Enduring Parental Responsibility (EPR) rate</b>	0 – 4	\$284.26	Approved kinship and foster carers caring for a child for whom the Director-General has parental responsibility, or who are under an EPR order.  This subsidy is intended to contribute towards the daily costs of caring for a child. For example: food, household provisions, household costs, clothing, footwear, school wear, education, daily travel, suitable car restraints, general medical, pharmaceuticals, general communication costs, gifts, pocket money, holidays, hobbies, activities.  No further financial support payments can be claimed under an EPR.
	5 – 14	\$318.74	
	15 – 17	\$428.16	
<b>Extended Continuum of Care</b>	18 – 20	\$272.13	Approved kinship and foster carers caring for a child aged 18 – 20 (inclusive) whose Transition Plan states they will continue to live with their carer in order to be best supported.  Subject to an application, approval and review process.  This subsidy is an extension of the Carer Subsidy and intended to contribute to the living costs of a child who remains in care after turning 18 years old.
<b>Emergency Care Subsidy</b>	0 – 17	\$470.98	Provided to kinship and foster carers when emergency action sees a child needing to come into care with less than 24 hours' notice.  This subsidy is intended to contribute to the daily costs of caring for the child, and is paid for a maximum of 21 days while a longer-term arrangement is being organised.
<b>Respite Care Subsidy</b>	0 – 17	\$380.52	Approved kinship and foster carers when they provide respite for a child on an overnight basis.  This subsidy is intended to cover the temporary costs of the child for a short period, and is set in isolation to the needs of their usual care arrangements.  The subsidy is calculated pro-rata on a daily basis.

### Notes:

- > Rates current as at 1 July 2020.
- > Payments are made fortnightly in arrears.
- > Payments are tax free and are not means-tested.
- > Payments are not affected by other Australian Government benefits you or the child may be receiving (for example, youth allowance), with the exception of the Extended Continuum of Care subsidy.
- > Payments stop when the placement ends. Any payments made after this time will be recovered. Carers should contact their case manager immediately if they think there has been an overpayment.