

Important Notice

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Have you considered if you would qualify for Childcare Assistance from WINZ?

New rates effective from 27th September will be:

Top rate	\$3.77 per child/hour
Middle rate	\$2.62 per child/ hour
Low rate	\$1.46 per child/hour

Income Thresholds to change.

<u>Current Income threshold</u>	
One child	\$1486 before tax or less
Two children	\$1698 before tax or less

<u>New Income threshold from 27th Sept</u>	
One child	\$1400 before tax or less
Two children	\$1600 before tax or less

Anyone receiving Childcare Assistance, or who has received it in the year to 27th September 2010, will continue to receive Childcare Assistance under the old income thresholds for up to three years if they still meet other qualifications.

The amount they receive will continue to be based on the current rules.

From 27th September 2010 new income thresholds will be introduced for any new applications which will be similar to the thresholds of 2008.

Learn more

To learn more about whether you qualify or not for Childcare Assistance

- I. take a look at our web site at: www.countrykids.org.nz/about-us/#winz
- II. or - ask us at reception
- III. or – pick up a WINZ Brochure
- IV. phone work and Income on: 0800 559 009

Applying for WINZ

Application forms can be picked up from us at reception or from our web site. It is important to phone WINZ and let them know you want to apply for Childcare assistance. Applications typically take three weeks to process however they will be back-dated to when you made your phone call.

If you think you do qualify for Childcare assistance- apply now before 27th September!