



## Fact sheet

# Nanny Pilot Programme

## What is the Nanny Pilot Programme?

The Nanny Pilot Programme will provide \$246 million over two years to support families who struggle to access child care services when working, studying or training by providing fee assistance to eligible families using a nanny in the family home.

Care will be subsidised for up to 50 hours per child per week, for around 10,000 children, and delivered by about 4,000 nannies.

The pilot programme will support families who struggle to access child care services because they work non-standard hours, or live in regional or remote areas or away from existing child care.

The pilot programme will formally commence in early 2016 when service providers begin matching nannies to participating families. The start date for a nanny will depend on a family's requirements, and when a suitable nanny is available. We expect that the take up of the pilot will grow over time as more nannies and families are progressively matched and care commences.

## What fee assistance will families be eligible for?

Families will be subsidised a percentage of the fixed hourly rate of \$7.00 per hour per child, for a maximum of 50 hours per week.

Families earning up to \$60,000 per annum will be eligible for 85 per cent (of the hourly fee cap)—or \$5.95 per child—and the level of subsidy will taper to 50 per cent—or \$3.50 per child—for families earning between \$165,000 and \$250,000 per annum.

Families on incomes of \$250,000 per annum or above are not eligible to participate in the pilot programme.

The subsidy will be paid direct to services to pass on to families as a fee reduction. This will assist the family budget, and make using a nanny a more affordable care option for participating families.

## How to apply?

### Families

Applications are now open for families who wish to participate in the pilot and will close at **5pm AEDT on 30 October 2015**.

More information about the families' selection process, including the family application guide, is available on **the Nanny Pilot Programme webpage**

Families can send questions to **NannyPilot@dss.gov.au** or call **1800 249 873**.

Following the initial selection of families, the Department will keep a register of eligible families to fill any places that might become available during the two-year pilot programme.

### **Service providers**

The pilot programme will be delivered through service providers selected by the Department of Social Services. Services will be responsible for finding suitable nannies for successful families.

Providers delivering the pilot will be required to assist the Government in gathering information and data, which will inform the programme's evaluation in 2017.

The application process is now open for eligible service providers, and will remain open for six weeks, closing at **2pm AEDT on 22 October 2015**.

Any questions can be sent to **grants@dss.gov.au**.

During the application process, the Department will only respond to questions that seek a better understanding of the programme guidelines and application pack.

### **Nannies**

Nannies must be 18 years old, hold a Working with Children Check and a first aid qualification, and be an Australian citizen or permanent resident or have a relevant visa that allows employment on a continuous basis of 12 months or more. Nannies must also not be immediately related to the children in their care or be living with them in a family-like relationship.

Nannies will need to be connected to an approved service provider that the Department of Social Services will select.

Once finalised, a list of successful service providers will be available on **the Nanny Pilot Programme webpage**

## **What will happen at the end of the two-year pilot programme?**

The Nanny Pilot Programme will end in December 2017. A formal evaluation will be undertaken throughout the programme to help the Government develop future policy for care provided in the family home.

## **Where can I get more information?**

For more information, visit **the Nanny Pilot Programme webpage**