



Additional supports for families and Early Childhood Education and Care providers impacted by ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred

The Australian Government is providing \$2.5 million in additional support to Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) providers affected by ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

How will this initiative work?

The ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred support payment of \$10,000 will be available for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved ECEC services that:

- are in a Local Government Area covered by a CCS period of emergency in relation to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred
- closed, or partially closed, for 8 days or more during the period of emergency, and
- agree to waive families' gap fee payments while closed during the emergency.

The ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred support payment is in addition to the CCS period of emergency arrangements, which help services remain viable when children are prevented from attending care, or it's hazardous to do so. This includes enabling services to continue to receive CCS even if they are closed and to waive families' gap fee payments if the service chooses to. Families also receive unlimited additional absences, which means they will not exhaust their ordinary allocation of subsidised absences for the year as a result of the emergency.

Why is it important?

The ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred support payment for CCS approved services will help ensure families, educators and providers are not financially disadvantaged due to being closed for an extended period of time because of the cyclone and associated flooding.

Who will benefit?

Support is available to all CCS eligible service types – Centre Based Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, Family Day Care and In Home Care that meet the payment conditions. Services, educators and families will benefit from the payment.

How much will it cost?

The Australian Government is providing \$2.5 million in additional supports in 2024-25 and 2025-26 for the ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred support payment.