



No payments for Child Swapping in Family Day Care

The Australian Government has changed the law to stop payments for 'child swapping' by approved Family Day Care (FDC) services.

FDC educators and their partners are not entitled to receive child care payments for their own child's session of FDC if, on that same day, the FDC educator provides FDC for an approved FDC service, unless one or more of the specified circumstances apply.

The specified circumstances are where:

- the child has been diagnosed with a particular disability or medical condition
- the FDC service is receiving payment of 'Inclusion Support Subsidy' because the child is undergoing continuous assessment of disability
- the child lives in an area designated as 'remote Australia' or 'very remote Australia'
- on the day the child requires care, the FDC educator is required to work for at least two hours in paid work, that is not for an approved FDC service.
- on the day the child requires care, the FDC educator is engaged in education and training activities towards a recognised qualification at Certificate III level or above.

The education and training must be provided by a Registered Training Organisation.

For any of the specified circumstances to apply:

- documentary evidence of the circumstance **must** have been provided to the approved FDC service.

FDC educators can still claim child care payments for their child when they are working if they place their child with other service types, such as long day care.

If you suspect an FDC service is doing the wrong thing please email tipoffline@dese.gov.au

For more information see: [frequently asked questions](#), [operational guide](#), ['specified circumstances' information request and register of specified circumstances](#).

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