

FAMILY TAX BENEFIT

FACTSHEET

WHAT IS FAMILY TAX BENEFIT?

Family Tax Benefit (FTB) is a two-part payment (Part A & Part B) administered by Centrelink that helps with the cost of raising children.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- City West Housing (CWH) residents may be eligible for FTB if they:
 - have a dependent child or full-time secondary student aged 16 to 19 who is not receiving a pension, payment or benefit such as Youth Allowance;
 - provide care for the child for at least 35% of the time; and
 - meet an income test.
- Additionally:
 - For FTB Part A, residents may be eligible if:
 - they care for a dependent child who is under 15 years of age
 - For FTB Part B, residents may be eligible if:
 - they are a member of a couple with one main income and care for a dependent child aged under 13, or;
 - they are a single parent or non-parent carer, or a grandparent carer and care for a dependent child aged under 18. The child must meet study requirements if they are aged 16 to 18.
- The amount of FTB payment is affected by a number of factors, including the resident's (and the residents' spouse/partner, if relevant) adjusted taxable income, the ages and number of children in their care, any child support income they get, if share-care arrangement is involved, the percentage of care for the child, etc. [Click here](#) for more information about the eligibility and payment rate for FTB.

WHAT HAPPENS IF RESIDENTS CHOOSE NOT TO APPLY FOR FTB?

For residents who are eligible to receive FTB, 15% of the payment will be included in rent subsidy assessments when the new rent policy takes effect.

For eligible people who choose not to apply for FTB, their rent contribution will still include 15% of the FTB payment they are entitled to receive. This will mean that the resident will find themselves out of pocket and they may fall behind in their rent.

HOW DO PEOPLE APPLY FOR FTB?

Residents can apply either online under their myGov account or they can complete the relevant form and visit one of Centrelink's service centres. [Click here](#) for more information about the steps to claim FTB.

WHO CAN ASSIST IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

CWH's Housing Managers are available to provide further information about FTB and any rent policy related matters. They can be contacted by phone on 8584 7500 or email enquiries@citywesthousing.com.au.