



The National Childcare Scheme opens in October with payments flowing from November. It will support families with children aged between 24 weeks and 15 years who are attending any participating Tusla registered childcare service, including any Tusla registered childminder.

The quickest and easiest way to make an application to the National Childcare Scheme will be online at: **[www.ncs.gov.ie](http://www.ncs.gov.ie)**.

The online process is being designed to give applicants an award within a matter of days or even minutes, depending on the application type. Postal applications will take longer and will affect the start date from which the new childcare subsidy can be paid.

To apply online you need a **verified** MyGovID. This account gives you safe, secure, online access to a range of Irish government services.



**Go to [www.ncs.gov.ie](http://www.ncs.gov.ie) to find out more**



# Getting ready for the National Childcare Scheme

Your **verified** MyGovID gives you safe, secure, online access to a range of Irish Government services, including the National Childcare Scheme. Here's how to do it:

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To get started, you need a Public Services Card. If you don't have one you can make an appointment to get one at [www.mywelfare.ie](http://www.mywelfare.ie). Pick a location from one of 60+ Intreo Centres/Social Welfare Offices nationwide and book a time that suits you.

2

Your phone has to be verified. This is also done by attending any Intreo Centre/Social Welfare Office. A PIN will be sent straight to your phone. Otherwise, you will receive your PIN through the post.

3

Log on to [www.mygovid.ie](http://www.mygovid.ie) to get your **verified** MyGovID.



**MyGovID - The safe and quick way to access the National Childcare Scheme**



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