

# Child support – how to calculate

Use this factsheet to work out your child support payments for the 2013 child support year (1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013).

Child support uses a four-step process to work out how much child support you need to pay under a formula assessment.

This factsheet can help you to:

- work out approximately how much child support you would pay under a formula assessment for 2013, or
- see how we've worked out your 2013 assessment.

Use the following tables to find the right living allowance and child support percentage to use in your calculation.

## Step 1: Enter your taxable income

Box A \$

**Important:** If you earned more than \$126,577, enter \$126,577 as this is the maximum amount for the 2013 child support year.

## Step 2: Work out your assessable income

Enter your living allowance from the table below in Box B.

Box B \$

These are the living allowances for the year ending March 2013.

Single and no children living with you	\$14,679
Married, civil union or de facto and no children living with you	\$19,969
Single, married, civil union or de facto and one child living with you	\$28,240
Single, married, civil union or de facto and two children living with you	\$31,222
Single, married, civil union or de facto and three children living with you	\$34,205
Single, married, civil union or de facto and four or more children living with you	\$37,187

Subtract your living allowance (Box B) from your taxable income (Box A).

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This is your assessable income. Transfer this amount to Box C.

## Step 3: Work out your approximate annual child support

Use the table below to find the percentage of child support you need to pay.

If you pay child support for	Percentage if care not shared	Percentage if you share care*
One child	18%	12%
Two children	24%	18%
Three children	27%	21%
Four children	30%	24%
Five children	30%	25.5%
Six children	30%	27%
Seven children	30%	28.5%
Eight or more children	30%	30%

\* Shared care for child support means you have care of the child for at least 40% (146 nights) of the child support year.

Enter your answers into the boxes below to work out how much child support you need to pay annually (for a year).

Box C – assessable income \$

Box D – percentage (%) from table above  %

Box E – multiply Box C by Box D = \$

Box E is the approximate amount of child support you'll need to pay annually. Transfer this amount to Box F below.

## Step 4: Divide the annual amount by 12 to give your monthly child support

Box F \$  divide by 12 = \$

This is your approximate monthly child support.

If the annual amount works out at less than \$863 your child support will be \$863 a year (\$71.90 a month) because this is the minimum amount for the 2013 child support year.