

TABLE 3.6 NOVA SCOTIA CHILD CARE SUBSIDY – INCOME ELIGIBILITY<sup>a</sup>

Eligibility		Maximum Subsidy	Sliding Scale
Net Income		\$0-\$35,000	\$35,000-\$70,000
Nova Scotia Daily Subsidy Rates <sup>b</sup>			
	New Maximum Daily Subsidy	Average Daily Child Care Fee (2019/2020)	Average Co-pay for Parents Eligible for Maximum Subsidy
Infant	\$29	\$42	\$10
Toddler	\$24	\$35	\$10
Preschool	\$23	\$36	\$10

<sup>a</sup> Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Child Care Subsidy – Income Eligibility*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/families/incomeeligibility.shtml>. Effective July 1, 2019, changes to the Nova Scotia Child Care Subsidy Program included removal of child support payments from the income threshold, allowing single parents to access an increased amount of subsidy; ensuring all eligible families can access subsidy regardless of employment status or access to education opportunities; removal of the 18-month application wait time for temporary residents so that newcomers are eligible to apply for a subsidy upon arrival; inclusion of all income and financial sources in the eligibility assessment for temporary residents, expanding the subsidy so it covers extended hours care for up to 18 hours in a single day.

<sup>b</sup> Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Child Care Subsidy*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/families/childcaresubsidy.shtml>. The daily subsidy rate varies depending on total family income and number of dependents within the family. If the daily subsidy rate is calculated at less than \$1 per day, the applicant is not eligible for subsidy.