

## How Is Fee Assistance Calculated?

## Child Care Fee Assistance Total Family Income Categories, DoD Parent Fees, and Provider Caps

Fee assistance is determined by calculating the difference between the community child care provider's monthly fee, which shall not exceed the program's established community provider cap for the specific type of care, and the DoD Total Family Income (TFI) category parent fee based on locality and type of care.

If a family chooses a provider who charges more than the community provider cap, then the family is responsible for paying their DoD TFI parent fee for their locality and type of care, as well as the additional tuition cost beyond the provider cap. Furthermore, if the difference between the community provider's fee and the DoD TFI parent fee is less than \$25/month, then a monthly fee assistance reimbursement will not be awarded since the community provider fee is comparable to the DoD TFI parent fee. Additionally, if a child is participating in full-time care and the Spouse is employed on a part-time basis, then the family will only be eligible for a reduced amount of the full-time fee assistance rate.

Please be advised that the DoD TFI parent fees used to calculate assistance for this program are based on similar DoD sponsored child care services, which may not always match the exact parent fee a family would pay for care at an installation sponsored Child Development Center or Family Child Care.

Families living within the identified high-cost installation localities will be calculated using the established DoD TFI high-cost parent fees. All other families living outside the identified high-cost installation localities will be calculated using the DoD TFI basic parent fees.

You can view the <u>FY22 Total Family Income Categories</u>, <u>DoD Parent Fees</u>, <u>High Cost Installations</u>, <u>and</u> <u>Provider Caps</u> that will be used to determine fee assistance.

For a copy of the Payment Policies and Payment Calendar, visit the links below.

- Navy Fee Assistance Payment Policies
- Navy Payment Calendar 2020-2021
- Navy Payment Calendar 2021-2022