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Strengthening Immunisation for Young Children

What is it?

The Australian Government is introducing reforms to Australia's childhood immunisation arrangements that aim to increase the immunisation rates of Australian children over time.

From 1 July 2012, families will need to have their young children fully immunised to receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A end-of-year supplement. The supplement, which is worth \$726 per child, will only be paid for the financial years that they turn one, two and five years of age once their child is fully immunised.

The new arrangements will replace the Maternity Immunisation Allowance (MIA). The MIA provided a payment of \$129 paid for families who meet immunisation requirements when their child was between 18 months and 24 months of age and between four and five years of age.

These changes will create a stronger financial incentive for parents. Over three immunisation check points, families will have a \$2,100 incentive to ensure their child is fully immunised.

Who is eligible?

Families with young children.

How do I apply?

The new payments will be made through the Family Tax Benefit Part A Supplement.

Who runs it?

The Australian Government.

Contact

For information about the Immunise Australia Program and the reforms to immunisation arrangements visit [Immunise Australia Program](#).

For information for customers about changes to the Family Tax Benefit Part A and the Maternity Immunisation Allowance visit [Department of Human Services](#).

For general information about assistance and payments for families visit [Family Assistance Office](#).