

## What is the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB)?



Effective July 1, 2006, the UCCB is a new initiative program introduced by the federal Conservative government to help Canadian families balance work and family life by supporting their child care choices through direct financial assistance.

All children under the age of six will qualify regardless of family income or the type of childcare they choose. Each child under six will receive \$100 per month up to \$1,200 per year. This will take effect July 2006.

The UCCB is in addition to existing federal programs (i.e. the Canada Child Tax Benefit, the National Child Benefit Supplement and the Child Care Expense Deduction). This new benefit does not affect the benefits families receive under these programs. The only exception is that the Canada Child Tax Benefit supplement, a small monthly amount previously received by some families, has been rolled into the new UCCB.

### How to apply?

If you are already receiving the Canada Child Tax Benefit, you will not be required to re-apply in order to receive the UCCB.

If you do not currently receive the CCTB, you will need to complete the Canada Child Tax Benefit application form. This form can be downloaded off the website (<http://www.universalchildcare.ca/>).