

Students with a Family Relationship qualify for fees at rates set out in the CECG [Fees Page](#)

## Students have a Family Relationship if: They have parents in common AND Those parents are financially responsible for all sibling students



### Parents in Common means

- Parents/carers residing at the same address, including:
  - Birth parents/carers
  - Adoptive parents/carers
  - Married or de-facto partners/step-parents
- Parents residing at different addresses that have parental responsibility under the Family Law Act (FLA), including:
  - Birth parents
  - Adoptive parents
  - Other parents/carers that have legal parental responsibility under the Family Court Act.



### Financial Responsibility Means

- The parents/carers seeking sibling discount are liable for the fees for all students with a family relationship, because they have signed:
  - A student's enrolment contract, OR
  - The [Family Relationship and Financial Responsibility Declaration](#)
- The [Declaration](#) is often used when family circumstances change and parents claim discount for students not previously related (step-siblings).



### Can parents/carers who don't live with children receive fees at family rates?

- Yes - IF**
- They have parental responsibility under the Family Court Act (e.g. birth parent), and
  - Are financially responsible for all sibling students.

**For example:**

- Sam has two children that live with her and a child (Fred) who lives with her ex-husband Sebastian. She has signed the enrolment contract for all children. Sam pays the fees for children living with her and 50% for Fred.
- Sam pays fees rates for three children with a Family Relationship.



### Can two households receive fees at family rates for the same student?

- Yes - IF**
- Each household has more than one student in CECG schools, and
  - The Parents in Common are financially responsible for the shared student.

**For example:**

- Sam has two children that live with her and a child (Fred) who lives with her ex-husband Sebastian. Sebastian has two other children that live with him and Fred. There are total five children (2 in one house, 3 in the other).
- Sebastian has signed the enrolment contract for his two children and Fred. He pays the fees for two children that live with him and 50% of Fred's fees.
- Sam and Sebastian each pay fees for 3 children with a Family Relationship.



### Do partners/step-parents receive fees at family rates?

**Yes - IF**

- They live with or are birth parents (with FLA responsibility) to all children, and
- Have signed the [Family Relationship and Financial Responsibility Declaration](#) for all the children.

**For example:**

- Sam lives with her partner Dennis. They live with two of Sam's children (100% of time) and Dennis' two children (50% of time). Sam's third child lives with Sam's ex-husband.
- Sam has signed the enrolment contract for her three children, and Dennis for his two. They pay 100% of fees for Sam's children that live with them and 50% of fees for the three other children.
- Sam and Dennis sign the [Family Relationship and Financial Responsibility Declaration](#) to be responsible for five children with a Family Relationship.
- Sam and Dennis pay fee rates for five children with a Family Relationship.



### Step-siblings used to reside together, can they still get fees at family rates?

**No** – unless there are legal orders indicating parental responsibility.

**For example:**

- Sam and Dennis separate and no longer reside together. There are no court orders indicating that Sam and Dennis are responsible for the other person's children from previous relationships.
- Sam pays fees at rates for three children with a family relationship and Dennis pays fees for two children with a family relationship.



### Can grandparents or other carers receive fees at family rates?

**Yes - IF**

- They have parental responsibility under the Family Court Act (e.g. court orders, foster carers in certain circumstances), and
- Have signed the enrolment contract or [Declaration](#) for all sibling students.

**Alternatively**

- Bills can be issued to the parent's name, for payment by any carer.



### How does a family apply for fees at family rates?

- For many families, this will be automatically identified when students are enrolled with the same address and parents on birth certificates.
- For families joining a new household, complete the [Family Relationship and Financial Responsibility Declaration](#). Include any paperwork necessary to show the shared address and/or parent/carer relationship (e.g. shared utility bills, birth certificates, legal orders).