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From 2023, we're making kindy cheaper for Queensland children. Many families will see real savings, and for some it could be free.



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QUEENSLAND KINDERGARTEN FUNDING

- From 1 January 2023, the Queensland Government will introduce Queensland Kindergarten Funding, a new Kindergarten Funding Scheme to give every child a great start.
- The Department of Education will provide funding to eligible service providers to support the cost of delivering an approved kindergarten program in Queensland and to improve affordability especially for low and middle income families, improve service inclusiveness and support ECT attraction/retention in regional/remote areas.

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ACA QLD & DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

- The Department of Education (DoE) has partnered with ACA Qld to support small and medium sized services prepare for Kindy in 2023
- ACA Qld is funded to engage both member and non-member Approved Providers of small and medium sized Early Learning (long day care) services to build their knowledge of the new scheme. This includes how to operationalise the scheme to benefit the kindergarten program, eligible families and Early Childhood Teachers (ECTs).
- ACA Qld will be establishing a variety of communication channels for small and medium Early Learning (long day care) Approved Providers to access, such as:
 - Group meetings and/or information sessions, both virtual and face to face
 - Individual contact (face to face, virtual, phone and/or email);
 - Demonstrations of the application of the new Kindergarten Funding Scheme;
 - On-line and other written communications; and
 - Surveys (on-line, phone or other).
- **You are not alone, ACA Qld will support you until you are comfortable with the new program!**

QUEENSLAND KINDERGARTEN FUNDING (QKF)

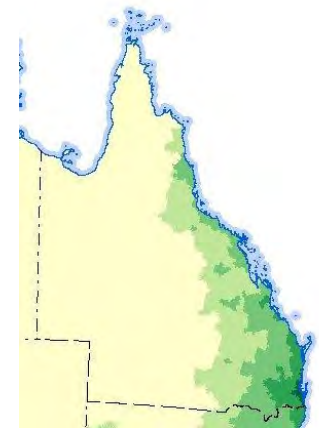
Kindergarten funding provided to all approved service providers through one or more subsidies:

- **Base subsidy**
 - for each eligible child who is enrolled in an approved kindergarten program for 600 hours per year or 15 hours per week
- **Inclusion subsidy - (New in 2023)**
 - for each eligible child to support inclusion for all
- **Affordability subsidies** - there are two affordability subsidies
 - **Kindy Plus subsidy**
 - for each eligible child who meets one or more specified criteria
 - OR (Not Both)
 - **Kindy FTB subsidy - (New in 2023)**
 - for each eligible child whose family was eligible for the Australian Government's Family Tax Benefit Part A and/or Part B payment in the financial year prior to enrolment (2021-22 FY for 2023)

QUEENSLAND KINDERGARTEN FUNDING (QKF)

Targeted Kindergarten funding provided to selected service providers through one or more grants:

- **Service location subsidy**
 - for each eligible child where the service is located in Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote
 - minimum funding floor based on 22 children
 - locations determined using 2016 ABS remoteness measure
- **Educational need grant - Kindy Uplift**
 - provided to eligible service providers, determined by the Department of Education, to respond to children's learning and development needs through provision of evidence-based initiatives



QKFS BASE SUBSIDY

Base subsidy

\$1,874.50 per annum for each eligible child who is enrolled in an approved 600hr kindergarten program

- subsidy paid in quarterly instalments at the end of the quarter
- enrolment forecasts are made at the beginning of the quarter and reconciled at the end of the quarter

Spending rules

75% minimum of base subsidy or \$1,405.88 must only be spent, in full or part on

- fee reduction for the kindergarten hours for each eligible child (Australian Government is progressing approval to allow services to apply the subsidy after CCS is deducted from 1 January 2023) and/or
- improved entitlements for the Early Childhood Teacher delivering the approved kindergarten program

25% maximum of base subsidy or \$468.62 must only be spent on

- quality and age-appropriate resources specifically for eligible children and/or
- providing extra-curricular Kindergarten activities for children at no cost to families with the Early Childhood Teacher involved.

INCLUSION SUBSIDY

Support inclusion for all, calculated on \$154 per annum for each eligible child who is enrolled in an approved 600hr kindergarten program

- subsidy is paid in quarterly instalments at the start of each quarter
- payment based on enrolments at the beginning the quarter and reconciled on actuals
- funding is for the service to use to improve inclusiveness of the kindergarten program
- Does not impact ability to apply for ISP funding

Some examples of the way this funding can be used:

- Elders visiting the service to strengthen local First Nations perspectives for children and educators
- Bi-lingual support worker to support a family with the enrolment
- Reducing financial barriers to participation and belonging (eg purchasing a kindy hat and/or shirt)
- Breakfast program at the service
- Professional development for educators about additional needs a child/ren may have -i.e. Autism, Down syndrome, and how to include children with these additional needs into program inclusively

AFFORDABILITY - KINDY PLUS SUBSIDY

\$1,409.50 per annum for each eligible child who is enrolled in an approved 600hr kindergarten program

- subsidy is paid in quarterly instalments at the start of each quarter
- the subsidy is not recouped if a child's eligibility changes from eligible to ineligible during the quarter
- if a child becomes eligible during the quarter, the amount will be adjusted on acquittal
- approval has been provided by the Australian Government to apply the subsidy after CCS is deducted from the fee

Children and families eligible for the subsidy

- Pensioner concession, Health Care Card, Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card holder/s
- Foster or kinship care or other out-of-home care arrangements
- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Three or more children of the same age, enrolled in the same year
- Refugee or humanitarian program visa holders or those in the process of seeking asylum

AFFORDABILITY – FAMILY TAX BENEFIT SUBSIDY

\$500 per annum for each eligible child who is enrolled in an approved 600hr kindergarten program

- subsidy is paid in quarterly instalments at the start of each quarter
- to be eligible a family must show evidence from Centrelink that they were eligible in the financial year prior to enrolment (2021-22 FY for 2023 Kindy year)
- families can apply for Family Tax Benefit with Centrelink as late as 30 June 2023, and if eligible for FTB, funding can be claimed and will be back-dated for the full kindy year
- the Australian Government is progressing approval for this subsidy to be applied after CCS from 1 January 2023

Children and families eligible for the subsidy

- family has letter from Centrelink showing eligibility for Family Tax Benefit Part A and/or Part B for the 2021-22 FY for enrolment in 2023.
- family will have to show evidence at enrolment – e.g. letter from Services Australia (from MyGov) – we have a mock-up



Reference: XXX XXX XXXX

Mr John Smith
PO Box XXX
BRISBANE QLD 4000

1

1 July 2021



centrelink

About your Family Tax Benefit 2021-22

2

Dear Mr Smith

Your entitlement for the financial year 2021-22 has been assessed using your annual family income and your family circumstances.

Amount the Australian Government will pay you

\$X,XXX.XX

Information about your family's assessment for 2021-22

Family Tax Benefit Part A	\$X,XXX.XX	3
Family Tax Benefit Part B	\$X,XXX.XX	
Family Tax Benefit Part B Supplement	\$X,XXX.XX	
Sub Total	\$X,XXX.XX	
Balance		\$X,XXX.XX

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Your entitlement has been assessed using care details already provided to us.
- This claim has been paid in respect of Child 1 and Child 2.
- The amount of Family Tax Benefit we have paid you includes payment of \$X,XXX.XX for the 2021-22 financial year.
- Your entitlement has been assessed using your income details which have been confirmed by the Australian Taxation Office.
- Your Family Tax Benefit includes a Part B Supplement amount of \$X,XXX.XX. This is included in your entitlement after the end of the financial year.
- For more information about your family assistance payments, please go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/families

Please read the back of this letter

If you have any questions about this letter please call:



136 150

Monday to Friday, 8:00 am - 8:00pm

OR

131 202 for Multilingual Services



Visit one of our Service Centres.



Note: Local business hours of operation may vary.

To ensure the family has provided the correct letter of evidence, services should check the following items on the letter to confirm FTB eligibility:

- Name of FTB recipient corresponds with name of family enrolling (see item 1 on letter)
- For the 2023 kindy year the letter needs to show eligibility for the FTB 2021-22 financial year (see item 2 on letter)
- The family receives either FTB Part A or FTB Part B (see item 3 on letter)



*Note most families will receive a letter from Services Australia after they have completed their tax return (prior to confirming enrolment). However, some families may lodge their tax returns late and have until 30 June 2023 to apply for FTB from Centrelink for the 2021-22 financial year. These families, if approved, will still be eligible and funding can be back-dated if they enrol for the full 2023 kindergarten year.



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Families eligible for free or cheaper kindy from 2023

Help families understand what Queensland Government subsidies are available to them to help reduce their out-of-pocket costs.

Long day care kindies	Total annual Queensland Government subsidy (fee reduction)
Kindy plus families (eligible & <\$60,000 income)	 Kindy may be free Queensland Government subsidy \$1,409.50 + CCS
FTB families (eligible & <\$130,000 income)	 Cheaper kindy Queensland Government subsidy \$500 + CCS

Please note these figures are current from 1 January 2023 and subject to change based on indexation rates.

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Check your eligibility and savings by using the steps below.

long day care

Step 1: Do you want to calculate the subsidy for sessional kindy or kindy in a long day care?

Sessional kindy

Long day care



Sessional kindy

Approved sessional kindergartens run 600-hour kindy programs for set terms and hours during a year. They provide kindergarten without extended hours of care.

Long day care

Approved long day care services providing kindergarten usually operate at least 10 hours a day, Monday to Friday, for at least 48 weeks a year. They provide a 600-hour kindergarten program and extended hours of care. Long day care services may also attract the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy to reduce fees.

Learn more about the different types of kindergarten.



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Step 2: Kindy Plus eligibility

Do one or more of the following apply to you or your child who will be attending kindy?

- hold a current Australian Government Health Care Card (HCC)
- hold a current Australian Government Pensioner Concession Card (automatic HCC entitlements)
- hold a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card
- have formal communication, such as a letter, from the relevant agency stating the intent to issue a Health Care Card
- have evidence of formal foster or kinship care arrangements
- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year
- have a child who is identified as living in a formal child protection out-of-home-care arrangement
- are a family and child who have entered Australia under the Australian Government's Refugee and Humanitarian Program, or is in the process of seeking asylum and holds a temporary [visa](#).

✔ The Queensland Government may make your kindy free.

The Queensland Government will reduce your out-of-pocket costs for your long day care 600-hour kindy program by **\$1,409.50 per year**. Depending on the fees charged by your provider, this may make your kindy free.

Please confirm your eligibility and the actual fees with your chosen kindergarten provider.

Yes

No



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Check your eligibility and savings by using the steps below.

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Step 3: Family Tax Benefit eligibility

Has your family been confirmed as eligible for Family Tax Benefit (either FTB A or FTB B)?

If you are not sure of your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit please visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/family-tax-benefit>.

Yes

No

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✔ The Queensland Government will make your kindy cheaper.

The Queensland Government will reduce your out-of-pocket costs for your long day care 600-hour kindy program by **\$500 per year**. Please confirm your eligibility and the actual fees with your chosen kindergarten provider.



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Yes

No

You are not eligible for a subsidy.

Based on the information provided you are not eligible for a Queensland Government long day care 600-hour kindy program subsidy. Please confirm this and your actual fees with your chosen kindergarten provider.

Individual LDCs may offer a fee reduction based on 75/25 rule



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KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - CASE STUDY ONE

Kindergarten class with a maximum capacity of 22 children per day.

Calculated assumption-based evidence (historical data if available, enrolments and booking trends).

Example

Kindergarten room operates at approximately 85% occupancy (22 by 85%) = 18 children per day or 94 children per week, Average attendance is 3 days = a total of 31 children attend per week.

As we know, the Base Subsidy for LDC is \$1,874.50 per child per annum (as at 01/01/2023).

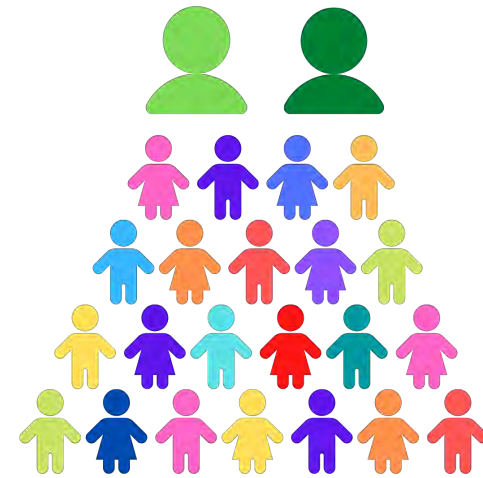
Minimum 75% must be allocated to

- (a) reduction for family's fees and/or
- (b) improved entitlements (over and above the Award) for ECT delivering the kindergarten program - \$1,406.00

\$1,406 per child per year, multiplied by 31 children = \$43,586.00

Maximum of 25% can be spent on resources and/or extracurricular activities for the kindergarten cohort of approved children - \$468.50

\$468.50 per child per year multiplied by 31 children = \$14,523.50



(b) Improved entitlements (over and above the Award) for ECT delivering the kindergarten program

- Annual ECT bonus, example \$3,000 p.a. (Including oncosts)
- Over and above salary \$3 per hour or \$5,928 p.a. (based on full-time)
- Additional allowances, example additional one week leave \$1,520 (\$40 by 38 hours)
- With this example \$43,586 - \$10,448 (\$3,000 plus \$5,928 plus \$1,520) = \$33,138 remaining

(a) Reduction for families' fee

- Assumption, discount applied across 52 weeks of the year
- 31 children per week x 3 booked days x 52 weeks = 4,836 bookings divided by \$33,138 = \$6.85 discount per day/\$20.55 per week or \$1,068 per year off the gap fee (yet to be approved by the Federal Government and clarification sought by third party software) reconciled quarterly and potentially adjusted half yearly.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - CASE STUDY TWO

Kindergarten class with a maximum capacity of 22 children per day.

Calculated assumption-based evidence (historical data if available, enrolments and booking trends).

Example

Kindergarten room operates at approximately 85% occupancy (22 by 85%) = 18 children per day or 94 children per week, Average attendance is 3 days = a total of 31 children attend per week.

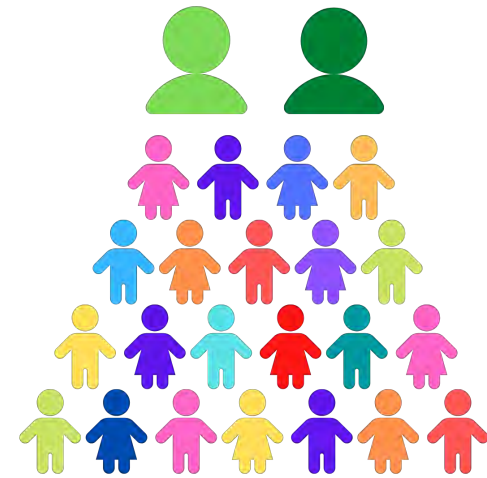
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- (a) reduction for family's fees and/or
- (b) improved entitlements (over and above the Award) for ECT delivering the kindergarten program - \$1,406.00

Maximum of 25% can be spent on resources and/or extracurricular activities for the kindergarten cohort of approved children - \$468.50

\$1,406 per child per year, multiplied by 31 children = \$43,586.00



(b) Improved entitlements (over and above the Award) for ECT delivering the kindergarten program

- Annual ECT bonus, example \$6,250 p.a. (including oncosts)
- Over and above salary \$6.25 per hour or \$12,350 p.a. (based on full-time)
- Additional allowances, example additional one week leave \$1,520 (\$40 by 38 hours)
- With this example \$43,586 - \$20,100 (\$12,350 plus \$6,250 plus \$1,520) = \$23,466 remaining

(a) Reduction for families' fee

- Assumption, discount applied across 52 weeks of the year
- 31 children per week x 3 booked days x 52 weeks = 4,836 bookings divided by \$23,466 = \$4.85 discount per day/\$14.55 per week or \$756.60 per year off the gap fee (yet to be approved by the Federal Government and clarification sought by third party software) reconciled quarterly and potentially adjusted half yearly.

Kindy Funding	Per child annual	Per campus (based on 31 children)	Less above wage (inc on costs) \$6.25 above award	Annual bonus for ECT (inc on costs) & one weeks leave	Amount left to apply to accounts	Weekly discount (amount / 31 children / 52 weeks)	Daily discount (31 children / 3 days per week /52 weeks
Base Funding (to go on accounts)	\$ 1,406.00	\$ 43,586.00	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 7,770.00	\$ 23,466.00	\$ 14.56	\$ 4.85
Other (for resources, extra curric)	\$ 468.50	\$ 12,649.50					

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM - CASE STUDY THREE

Base subsidy is \$1874.50. A minimum of 75% of the base subsidy must be spent on reducing out of pocket expenses for families and improving ECT conditions \$1405.66.

The service will divide this over 48 weeks = \$29.28 per week operating from 23rd January 2023 – 22nd December per child.

\$25 will be reduced of each eligible kindergarten child's fees and \$4.29 will go towards increase ECT wages and conditions.

Option A

Weekly - Attends 2 Days per week		
Base total		\$1,874.50
75% of base total	75%	\$1,405.88
% of base (\$1405.88)	85.4%	\$1,200.20
Weekly		
Attendance (day)		2
Daily Fee	\$	100.00
CCS	70% \$	70.00
Daily Fee - CSS = OOP	\$	30.00
Annual (48wks)	\$	2,880.00
Per Week (48wks)	\$	60.00
Weekly reduction	\$	25.00
Out of Pocket per Week	\$	35.00

Option B

Weekly - Attends 5 Days per week		
Base total		\$1,874.50
75% of base total	75%	\$1,405.88
% of base (\$1405.88)	85.4%	\$1,200.20
Weekly		
Attendance (day)		5
Daily Fee	\$	100.00
CCS	70% \$	70.00
Daily Fee - CSS = OOP	\$	30.00
Annual (48wks)	\$	7,200.00
Per Week (48wks)	\$	150.00
Weekly reduction	\$	25.00
Out of Pocket per Week	\$	125.00



Assumptions: 40 Weeks

Base subsidy is \$1874.50. A minimum of 75% of the base subsidy must be spent on reducing out of pocket expenses for families and improving ECT conditions \$1405.66.

The service will divide this over 40 weeks = \$35.14 per week operating term dates.

\$30 will be reduced of each eligible kindergarten child's fees and \$5.14 will go towards increase ECT wages and conditions.

Note: As the majority of long day care services operate for more than 40 weeks, when calculating the fee reduction across 40 weeks, families will be expected to pay higher fees outside of the discounted period i.e. the remainder of the year. This should be clearly documented in the services fee schedule for the kindergarten program.



Option A

Weekly - Attends 2 Days per week 40 Weeks		
Base total		\$1,874.50
75% of base total	75%	\$1,405.88
% of base (\$1405.88)	85.4%	\$1,200.20
Weekly Attendance (day) 2		
Daily Fee	\$	100.00
CCS	70% \$	70.00
Daily Fee - CSS = OOP	\$	30.00
Annual (40wks)	\$	2,400.00
Per Week (40wks)	\$	60.00
Weekly reduction	\$	30.00
Out of Pocket per Week	\$	30.00

Option B

Weekly - Attends 5 Days per week 40 Weeks		
Base total		\$1,874.50
75% of base total	75%	\$1,405.88
% of base (\$1405.88)	85.4%	\$1,200.20
Weekly Attendance (day) 5		
Daily Fee	\$	100.00
CCS	70% \$	70.00
Daily Fee - CSS = OOP	\$	30.00
Annual (40wks)	\$	6,000.00
Per Week (40wks)	\$	150.00
Weekly reduction	\$	30.00
Out of Pocket per Week	\$	120.00



QKFS QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION TEMPLATE

<Name of service>

Summary of Kindergarten Funding Scheme standard per child subsidy Budget Allocation in 2023

*Please include GST exclusive amounts where applicable.

NOTE: Please add/remove lines where required

Base subsidy per child per annum	\$1,874.50
Total estimated number of Kindergarten age children participating in the program	22 <small>Insert number of kindergarten age children</small>
Total Base subsidy	\$41,239.00

Examples have been provided for your reference (note, this is not an exhaustive list)

A minimum of 75% of the base subsidy must only be spent on (\$1,499.60 per child per annum):	\$30,929.25	
Fee reduction to the eligible kindergarten age cohort		
Details: (e.g. <\$X> fee reduction per day x <X> days per week x <XX> children x <X> weeks= <\$XX>)	\$XXX	Evidence: Fee schedule and calculation of fee reduction. Please refer to the Fee Reduction example template to assist with calculations.
2023 ECT improved entitlements		
Above award wage: <Name of ECT> to be paid an additional <\$X> an hour above level <X> of the individual ECTs award rate	\$XXX	Evidence: ECT contract, pay slips
Additional paid annual leave: (in addition to the standard 4 weeks leave) <Name of ECT> to be paid an additional <X> weeks annual leave	\$XXX	Evidence: ECT contract
Lump sum bonus: <Name of ECT> to receive a lump sum bonus	\$XXX	Evidence: ECT contract, pay slips
Additional non-contact time: (in addition to the allocated programming time under the ECTs award entitlement) <Name of ECT> is allocated an additional <X> non-contact hours per week and/or an additional <X> hours to prepare transition statements	\$XXX	Evidence: ECT contract, pay slips
ECT Professional development (delivered by an accredited organisation): <Name of ECT> will attend <X> to assist them in delivering an approved kindergarten program	\$XXX	Evidence: Invoices/receipts
Total	\$ -	
Learning resources for the early childhood teacher to enhance their delivery of an approved kindergarten program: Details:	\$XXX	Evidence: Invoices/receipts
Total	\$ -	
TOTAL - minimum of 75% of the base subsidy	\$ -	
Variance	\$30,929.25	

QKFS QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION TEMPLATE (CONT.)

A maximum of 25% of the base subsidy can only be spent on (\$374.90 per child per annum):		\$10,309.75
Quality and age appropriate resources specifically for kindergarten age children		
Details:	\$XXX	Evidence: Invoices/receipts
Total	\$ -	
Incursions and extra- curricular activities (provided all eligible children undertaken the activity, the early childhood teacher is present and participating, and the early childhood teacher includes the activity as part of their curriculum)		
Details:	\$XXX	Evidence: Invoices/receipts
Total	\$ -	
TOTAL - maximum of 25% of the base subsidy	\$ -	
Variance	\$10,309.75	
TOTAL Base subsidy expended	\$ -	

SERVICE LOCATION SUBSIDY

Differential per annum subsidy for each eligible child based on the service's location

- funding is used to attract and retain qualified early childhood teachers (ECTs)
- subsidy is paid in instalments at the start of the quarter
- payment based on enrolments at the beginning the quarter and reconciled on actuals
- minimum funding floor based on 22 enrolments in kindy program

Outer regional \$374 annually per enrolment or \$8,228 min guarantee

Remote \$974 annually per enrolment or \$21,428 min guarantee

Very remote \$1,405 annually per enrolment or \$30,910 min guarantee

Some examples of the way this funding can be used:

- increased wages, accommodation, relocation and travel costs of teachers returning home to visit their families
- **letters have been sent to APs on which services are eligible.**

EDUCATIONAL NEED GRANT – KINDY UPLIFT

Kindy Uplift

- provided to eligible services - the Department of Education determines service and funding eligibility
- providers must submit an annual Kindy Uplift plan to demonstrate how the funding will improve outcomes for eligible children.
- each Kindy Uplift plan must be approved by a Kindy Uplift advisor allocated to the service

Some examples of the way this funding can be used:

- programs, resources, educational supports and professional development to build educator capability, support inclusion and improve children's learning and development with a focus on one or more of the priority areas:
 - social and emotional capability
 - physicality
 - thinking and responding
 - oral language and communication
 - access and inclusion
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander access and inclusion (from 2024).

DATA AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

From 2023, systems must be able to capture all of the required data, so that you can submit this electronically directly into QGrants. Where a service opts to remain on their existing systems, they must be able to provide the following information electronically at child level.

Electronic data is provided for all eligible aged children enrolled in a kindergarten program regardless of whether or not they have assigned their QKFS to the service

- unique child identifier for the service;
- child full name, sex, date of birth, address/es;
- whether the child is eligible for funding;
- child daily enrolment hours;
- Kindy plus - status and details – for example that the child is a refugee and asylum seeker and their visa type;
- daily attendance hours for each child – sign in and sign out by parents (acquittal);
- a log of all changes to child level data since the forecast including change of address, Kindy plus status and the date of effect (acquittal); and
- whether or not a program operated, for example a program did not operate in week 8 due to an unexpected absence of the Early Childhood Teacher – per week (acquittal).

Funding has been provided to Long Day Care software providers to implement these changes. Contact your provider to ensure they will be able to accommodate these data requirements.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- The process implemented for 2022 has now been approved to continue in 2023.
- The department is currently preparing the final details of the process that will provide services with the steps they need to take to be eligible to apply for Exceptional Circumstances in 2023.
- Communications will be sent out to the sector inviting those services that would like to apply.
- All communication will be sent to the email addresses listed in QGrants.
- Please ensure your contact details in QGrants are up to date so that you don't miss any communications.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

An approved provider may be able to claim funding for an approved kindergarten program when an ECT who is 'actively working towards' completing an ACECQA approved qualification is delivering the approved kindergarten program.

Will consider the service's location, community demographics and the educator's progress towards their qualification

The requirements for actively working towards an approved ECT qualification are:

- being enrolled in a course for the qualification
- having commenced the course
- making satisfactory progress towards completion
- meeting the requirements to maintain enrolment.



EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Department of Education determines services' funding eligibility for exceptional circumstances.

Instances where the educator will not be considered to be actively working towards an ECT include if they:

- have not enrolled in any subjects for a semester/teaching period or more
- have deferred or withdrawn from all subjects in a semester/teaching period or more or
- have not successfully completed any subjects across two or more semesters/teaching periods.

Approval for ECT exceptional circumstances must be obtained from the Department prior to submission of any claims. Enquiries should be directed in writing to QKFS.LDC@qed.qld.gov.au.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Scenario: In regards to unplanned absences of an ECT, can we still claim funding as long as it does not exceeds 10 days of absence?

Response

'Zero enrolments must be reported for the week/s that services fail to fulfil any of the approved KPP eligibility requirements (e.g. unplanned or unexpected teacher absence greater than 10 days, planned teacher absence where the teacher is not replaced by another ECT, the teacher resigns and the service is unable to replace them with another ECT for a period of time).'

- Unplanned absences less than 10 days- a service can claim; otherwise,

Noting

- Unplanned absence period applies to 10 consecutive business day period without a qualified ECT.
- Minimum requirement is for a Diploma qualified person to cover this period
- Unplanned more than 10 days and/or any planned absences, where the ECT is replaced with another qualified ECT- yes a service can claim.

KINDY FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

The Department of Education has developed resources pack that has been emailed to approved providers to be used to promote Kindy For All.

The posters are included in the Also Kindy for all resource packs are available to download materials to share with your staff and families here:

The resource packs include:

- Key messaging
- Promotional material
- Posters for services and parents
- Social media tiles

[Resource pack – Long Day Care](#)



2023 QUEENSLAND KINDERGARTEN FUNDING ESSENTIALS

Kindergarten Funding Essentials

Key document that outlines the eligibility, responsibilities and obligations of service providers for clarification on what each of the subsidies/grants under the QKF can be spent on and will replace the guidelines from 01 January 2023

- [Queensland Kindergarten Funding Essentials for long day care providers](#)
The Queensland Kindergarten Funding Essentials from 2023 for long day care providers are a comprehensive guide to all aspects of the kindy funding including eligibility, claims and payments, legal obligations, assurance, grants, subsidies.
- [Template for Annual Early Childhood Teachers Attraction and Retention Subsidy Plan](#)
An editable template is provided separately to support service providers to prepare and retain an annual Service Location – Early Childhood Teachers plan, specifying how the funding will be used to attract and retain early childhood teachers.
- Template for ACA Template Spreadsheet for Standard Subsidy expenditure (post link for this)

