

COVID-19 Opt in - 2021 program

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2021 COVID-19 Free Preschool Funding Program | Opt in process

Overview

The temporary COVID-19 free preschool funding program has been extended throughout 2021 to continue to support families with cost of living pressures and to support the ongoing provision of 600 hours of early childhood education in the year before school.

Funding will be provided as a top up payment to replace a high proportion of estimated fee income. In turn, services are required to provide at least 15 hours of fee-free preschool per week for families.

Start Strong funding and mobile preschool contract funding provided by the NSW Government and support provided under the Australian Government's JobKeeper program will be taken into account before any additional funding support is provided.

Please refer to the [program guidelines](#) for additional information.

For support with this program, please contact the Department's Early Childhood Education Directorate on 1300 755 426 or ecec.funding@det.nsw.edu.au.

Instructions

This form is to be completed by the Approved Provider on behalf of all eligible services for the entirety of the 2021 program. You do not need to complete this form for each eligible service.

Approved Providers who have opted in to the program during 2020 will need to opt in for the program in 2021. Services that did not opt-in to the program in 2020 are able to opt in to the program in 2021.

Services are able to opt out of the program by completing the relevant opt out process through SmartyGrants. The opt out must apply to a full term, and should be completed prior to payment for that term being progressed. Providers cannot opt in or out for part of a term.

Before you begin, you may preview this form via the menu on the left-hand side.

Once you begin the form, you may save your progress and come back to it at any time.

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Approved Provider Details

* indicates a required field

Primary Contact Details

Name *

Title First Name Last Name

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Position *

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Must contain 10 digits e.g. 0291231234 or 0412345678

Approved Provider Name (name of organisation) *

Please provide exact name as per NQA ITS

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Approved Provider ID (PR-12345678) - Numbers only. *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

Please enter an 8 digits number as per NQAITS. Please do not enter any letters (PR). Please do not enter your SE ID

JobKeeper Eligibility

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Please note: Start Strong funded community preschools and mobile preschools on contracts are eligible to opt in to receive funding under this program.

Please select the option that best represents the status of the organisation in relation to the Australian Government's JobKeeper payment scheme for extension two (January - March 2021): *

- Not eligible for the JobKeeper payment scheme and do not expect to become eligible
- Eligible, or expect to become eligible, for the JobKeeper payment scheme extension two (January to March 2021)
- Unsure of eligibility for the JobKeeper payment scheme

JobKeeper Payment Scheme

A funding condition of this program is that Approved Providers eligible for the Australian Government's JobKeeper payment scheme are required to enrol for JobKeeper in the first instance. If you have yet to do so and are eligible, please progress your enrolment in the JobKeeper payment scheme.

If you are eligible for the JobKeeper Payment Scheme, you will need to complete a payment confirmation form outlining your JobKeeper payment scheme arrangements.

The Department will engage with you further to establish the final funding amount available to your service/s.

JobKeeper Extension Two

Please review the changes that apply for JobKeeper extension two (4 January to 28 March 2021) and assess your organisation's eligibility for the JobKeeper Payment Scheme. Information on JobKeeper extension one can be found at: <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/jobkeeper/extension>

Approved providers should complete the opt in form for the 2021 program once your circumstances are confirmed for this period.

Confirmation

* indicates a required field

Thank you for opting into the 2021 COVID-19 Free Preschool Funding Program for community and mobile preschools

The Department is providing Sector Support to community and mobile preschools to navigate the new arrangements in place for COVID-19 additional temporary State funding, and provide advice on the associated guidelines, funding conditions and spending rules.

Community Connections Solutions Australia (CCSA) and Community Early Learning Australia (CELA) have been engaged to deliver this sector support, including phone and email support through the life of the program.

- CCSA can be contacted on 1800 991 602 or covid19preschoolsupport@ccsa.org.au
- CELA can be contacted on 1800 157 818 or covid19@cela.org.au

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The Department is also available to help you if you have questions about the funding program. Please contact the Information and Enquiries team at ecec.funding@det.nsw.edu.au or on 1300 755 426.

Opt in Confirmation

By choosing to 'opt in', a Funding Agreement is established between your service/s and the Department. If you are eligible for the JobKeeper payment scheme, you will be required to provide additional information to the Department in order to determine your final funding allocation.

The Funding Agreement will comprise of:

- the information you provide to the Department to calculate your payment under the COVID-19 Free Preschool funding program for community and mobile preschools, if required; and
- the 2021 COVID-19 Free Preschool funding program guidelines; and
- the relevant Early Childhood Education Grants Programs Terms and Conditions (1 July to 30 June 2021 for terms 1 and 2; 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 for terms 3 and 4)

I confirm that I am opting in to the 2021 COVID-19 Free Preschool Funding Program *

Yes

Tick this box to confirm the statement

I confirm that the information provided is complete, correct and accurate *

Yes

Tick the box to confirm the statement

I understand that by submitting this form, a funding agreement is established *

Yes

Tick the box to confirm the statement

I understand I may be required to provide further information to the Department upon request, including as part of funding compliance activity *

Yes

Tick the box to confirm the statement

I understand evidence of expenditure must be kept as part of the acquittal process *

Yes

Tick the box to confirm the statement

I am authorised to submit this opt-in form on behalf of the Approved Provider *

First Name

Last Name

Date *

Must be a date.

