

Kinder Funding Resources & Support

Item	Link	What for?
Kindergarten Funding DE Resources		
Communicating about kindergarten to your community	Communicating about kindergarten to your community vic.gov.au	Find communication packs, fact sheets, social media tiles, videos and other resources to help your service communicate with families and promote your kindergarten programs.
Kindergarten funding rates	Kindergarten funding rates vic.gov.au	Information for Victorian government-funded kindergarten providers about kindergarten funding rates.
Kindergarten funding guide	Kindergarten funding guide vic.gov.au	Funding information for kindergarten service providers, including eligibility criteria, obligations, and accountability.
Four-Year-Old Kindergarten is becoming Pre-Prep	Four-Year-Old Kindergarten is becoming Pre-Prep vic.gov.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Pre-Prep • Pre-Prep calculator • Introduction to Pre-Prep
The Best Start, Best Life reforms	The Best Start, Best Life reforms vic.gov.au	Learn more about the biggest changes to Victoria's early childhood education sector in a generation.
Resources for funded kindergartens	Resources for funded kindergartens vic.gov.au	Resources and templates to help service providers and early childhood professionals strengthen their funded kindergarten programs.
Priority of access for early childhood education	Priority of access for early childhood education vic.gov.au	The Priority of Access (PoA) criteria support kindergarten services to prioritise children for enrolment when there are more applications than places available. Updates to the PoA will be in effect for 2027 enrolments, but there will be no changes for 2026.
School Readiness Funding	School Readiness Funding vic.gov.au	Information for early childhood education and care services on how funding is allocated and what it can be used for.



Grants, Program Support & Inclusion Funding		
Early Start Kindergarten information for professionals - ESK	Early Start Kindergarten information for professionals vic.gov.au	Eligibility criteria, the referral process and associated funding for the Early Start Kindergarten program.
Early childhood education programs supporting Aboriginal children	Early childhood education programs supporting Aboriginal children vic.gov.au	Early childhood programs and services for Aboriginal children and their families.
ECIB - Contact an Early Childhood Improvement Branch	Contact an Early Childhood Improvement Branch vic.gov.au	Get specialist resources and advice to help your service bring in the Best Start, Best Life reforms.
Preschool Field Officer program	Preschool Field Officer program vic.gov.au	Preschool Field Officers (PSFOs) provides short-term guidance and coaching to early childhood educators. This support aims to improve the inclusion of children with additional needs.
Flexible Support Packages	Flexible Support Packages vic.gov.au	Provide short-term assistance that act as bridging, immediate support as longer-term inclusion is determined.
Supporting CALD families to engage in kindergarten	Supporting CALD families to engage in kindergarten vic.gov.au	Resources to help culturally and linguistically diverse families enrol and participate in kindergarten, including translated materials and program supports.
Contact a Koorie education coordinator	Contact a Koorie education coordinator vic.gov.au	Contact information to help connect schools and parents with Koorie education teams to support cultural inclusion and education guidance in their region.
LOOKOUT Education Support Centres	LOOKOUT Education Support Centres vic.gov.au	Supporting the educational engagement of children and young people living in care.



Access to Early Learning for professionals	Access to Early Learning for professionals vic.gov.au	Helping children from families with complex needs to participate in a quality three-year-old kindergarten program.
Guide to the NQF	Guide to the NQF ACECQA	Helping education and care providers, educators and authorised officers deliver the NQF
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority (VECRA)	Contact the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority (VECRA) vic.gov.au	Contacts for the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority (VECRA) – <u>formerly known as QARD</u>
Supports for early career early childhood teachers	https://www.supportingecteachersvic.com.au/s/?language=en_US	Support for beginning teachers, coaching, communities in practice, and Alumni.
Support my teachers	https://www.vit.vic.edu.au/employers	Supporting teacher registration and requirements, employee obligations, mentoring programs, and employer resources
Qualifications for centre-based services with children preschool age or under	Qualifications for centre-based services with children preschool age or under ACECQA	The National Quality Framework (NQF) sets out the minimum educator qualification requirements for working with children preschool age and under in centre-based services.
Early childhood teacher requirements	Early childhood teacher requirements vic.gov.au	Early childhood teacher requirements for all centre-based services in Victoria.
Child protection obligations in early childhood services	Child protection obligations in early childhood services vic.gov.au	The Victorian Government has introduced a range of measures to better protect children.
Getting started in the early childhood sector	Getting started in the early childhood sector vic.gov.au	Discover exciting job opportunities, lucrative financial incentives , and tailored professional development to pave the way for a thriving career.

Victorian Inclusion Agency (VIA)	Browse all resources Victorian Inclusion Agency (VIA): Get Inclusion Support	<p>The Victorian Inclusion Agency (VIA) is an organisation that supports the inclusion of all children in education and care. There are resources available for early childhood professional to support children with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds and refugee children.</p>
Sustainability and capital support grant - Community Child Care Fund (CCCF)	Sustainability and capital support grant - Department of Education, Australian Government	<p>This grant helps early childhood education and care (ECEC) services in areas experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability to stay open. It is part of the Community Child Care Fund (CCCF).</p>
Kindergarten Funding & Digital Platforms		
Kindergarten Information Management System - KIMS	Kindergarten Information Management System vic.gov.au	<p>A secure online system for kindergarten funding applications, data collection, and reporting.</p>
Arrival	Arrival vic.gov.au	<p>Arrival is a new purpose-built system that will replace the Kindergarten Information Management System for mandatory kindergarten data reporting. Arrival will also include functionality to enable sessional services to collect and report attendance data</p>
Transition Learning and Development Statements (TLDS)	Transition Learning and Development Statements (TLDS) vic.gov.au	<p>A child's TLDS summarises their abilities and approaches to learning. It promotes continuity of learning for children transitioning into primary school.</p>
Kindergarten Central Registration and Enrolment	Kindergarten Central Registration and Enrolment vic.gov.au	<p>Guidance and support for local councils to expand and enhance their kindergarten registration and enrolment service.</p>
Central Registration and Enrolment Scheme – CRES	CRES Funding Requirements.pdf	<p>Central Registration and Enrolment Scheme (CRES) is a best practice model for local councils and other organisations to support families and carers to secure a kindergarten place for their child.</p>