

## Kindergarten Fees

### Purpose

PLEASE REFER TO THE [F 1.0 KINDERGARTEN FEES COLLECTION POLICY](#) IN THE ECMS FINANCE POLICIES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REGARDING FEES AND COLLECTION OF FEES

To enable families to access Kindergarten Programs with as little to no cost (according to their circumstances) the Department of Education and Training (DET) financially contributes through:

- Per Capita Funding,
- Kindergarten Fee Subsidies,
- Ratio Supplement Funding,
- Pre-Purchased places (funding for vulnerable children), and
- Early Start Kinder Placements (funding for Aboriginal, Torres Strait and vulnerable children).

Funding criteria is outlined in the *Victorian Kindergarten Policy, Procedures and Funding Criteria 2016*.

Families who are recipients of any of the following concession cards are eligible for free or low cost kindergarten.

Where there is no valid concession families are required to contribute, through fees, to meet the additional costs incurred by the service in the delivery of the children's program

When enrolling in an ECMS service families agree they will:

- pay in full for the services they receive,
- immediately inform us in the event that they are unable to meet their financial obligations with the intention to make suitable payment arrangements ensuring their account is paid in full by the end of the school year, and
- provide valid concession details upon enrolment, or when they receive a valid concession card.

Valid concessions include:

- Health Care Card,
- Pensioner Concession Card,
- Veterans' Affairs Gold or White Cards,
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander,
- A triplet or quadruplet attending in the same year,
- Temporary Protection/Humanitarian Visas, 447, 451, 785 or a Resolution of Status (RoS) visa, Class CD, subclass 851,
- Refugee/Special Humanitarian Visas, 200 - 217 (inclusive), and
- Asylum Seeker Bridging Visas A -F (inclusive).