

FOUR-YEAR-OLD FUNDED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Kindergarten fee subsidy form



Kindergarten Fee Subsidy enables eligible families to attend a 15 hour four-year-old kindergarten program for free or low cost.

Please complete the form below if you meet one of the criteria below.

Child's Name:

Kindergarten:

Please tick the appropriate checkbox:

Child is identified by a parent, carer, or legal guardian as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The child is identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more).

Child individually holds, or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:

Commonwealth Health Care Card Commonwealth

Pensioner Concession Card

Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold or White Card

Refugee visa (subclass 200)

In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201)

Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)

Temporary Humanitarian visa (subclass 786)

Protection visa (subclass 866)

Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203)

Woman at risk visa (subclass 204)

Asylum seeker bridging visas A-E

Immicard

Name on Card:

Customer Reference Number (CRN)/File No: Card

Start:

Card Expiry:



Please read the back for important information about your card.

Centrelink Confirmation eServices – Customer consent form

I.....authorise:

Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS) to use Services Australia - Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink/DVA enquiry of my Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Customer details and concession card status in order to enable ECMS to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. The Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to ECMS.

I understand that: the department will use the information I have provided to ECMS to confirm my eligibility for Free or Low Cost 4-Year-Old Kindergarten and will disclose to ECMS personal information including my name, address, payment, and concession card type and status.

This consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of ECMS unless I withdraw it by contacting ECMS or the department.

I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to ECMS so that my eligibility for Free or Low Cost 4-Year-Old Kindergarten can be determined. I understand that it is my responsibility to update ECMS should my eligibility change or expire.

If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Free or Low Cost 4-Year-Old Kindergarten provided by ECMS.

Signature:

Date:

A brochure is available from Centrelink that provides more details about the Centrelink Confirmation eService or on the Department of Human Services website www.humanservices.gov.au.

Please complete all above fields. If any fields remain blank ECMS will not be able to process this form.

To receive the kindergarten fee subsidy please return the completed form attention to:

ECMS Fees Officer

PO Box 182, NORTHCOTE, VIC 3070

Phone: **03 8481 1110** Fax: **03 9445 0346** Email: **fees@ecms.org.au**

Free or low cost four-year old kindergarten



Your child may be eligible for free kindergarten as part of the Victorian Government's commitment to provide all children with access to high-quality kindergarten program in the year before starting school. The kindergarten fee subsidy provides eligible four-year-old children with access to a free kindergarten program for up to 15 hours per week for the following circumstances:

- The child is identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more).
- Child is identified by a parent, carer, or legal guardian as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- Child individually holds, or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:
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 - ImmiCard



What should I do?

- Complete and sign the Kindergarten fee subsidy form
- Submit the form to ECMS Fees Officer or hand it in to your child's kindergarten teacher
- Show your child's teacher the relevant valid documentation.
- Inform the ECMS Fees Department of your card's new expiry date or if there are any changes to your circumstances and your card is no longer valid. This may affect your eligibility and fees may be payable.

Free or low cost three-year-old kindergarten

The Government provides Early Start Kindergarten funding to improve access and participation for vulnerable and Aboriginal children. There are two types of Early Start Kindergarten Grants for up to 15 hours per week (including access to 4YO programs) in the two years before school.

- The Aboriginal Early Start Kindergarten grant for children identified as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- The Early Start Kindergarten grant for children known to Child Protection or referred to child and family services information, referral, and support teams (Child FIRST).

Bilingual & interpreter services

Your child's kindergarten service can access free interpreter services to help talk to you about you and your child's needs.

More information

For more information on kindergarten programs or the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy and Early Start Kindergarten visit the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website at www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood or contact the ECMS Fees Department on 8481 1110.