

Funded Kindergarten Program

City of Casey

What is the funded kindergarten program?

The Victorian Government provides approved kindergartens with funding for children to access one year of funded kindergarten in a 3-year-old program and one year in a 4-year-old program. Kindergarten is free for all 3-year-old and 4-year-old children and is led by a qualified Early Childhood Teacher.

This program provides families with access to:

- up to 15 hours each week for 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindergarten
- 16 to 25 hours each week for Pre-Prep programs in the 4-year-old program

Can I claim Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for kindergarten?

Kindergarten funding is separate from CCS, which is managed by Centrelink and does not apply to Council Managed services.

What if my child attends two services at the same time?

Children cannot be enrolled in the funded kindergarten program at two services at the same time. If your child attends a Council Managed kindergarten, you will need to discuss your options with the non-Council Managed service if your child will remain enrolled with them. Your child cannot continue in the Council Managed sessional kindergarten program if the other service will continue to claim the funded program.

What if a non-Council managed service is claiming funding for my child?

For children enrolled at a Council Managed service, the Department of Education (DE) will alert us that your child is trying to claim funding at two services. We will then ask you to confirm which service can claim this funding for your child. If this happens, your options are:

- If you choose for the Council Managed service to claim, you will need to request the other service to stop claiming funding for your child.
- If you tell us that the other service will be claiming the funding, your child's place with the Council Managed service will need to be cancelled.

What if my child moves services during the year?

The first service must stop claiming funding before the new service can start.

What happens if I cancel my kindergarten place?

Council Managed - If your child is enrolled in a Council Managed service and you cancel their kindergarten place, the City of Casey will stop claiming funding for your child.

Independently Managed - If your child is enrolled at an Independently Managed service, the Enrolments team will notify the service provider for them to stop claiming funding for your child.

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