Queensland Kindergarten Funding Concession cards for Kindy plus subsidy

Eligible concession cards for Kindy Plus

Parents or guardians of an eligible child who present one of the following will be eligible to access Kindy Plus:

- An Australian Government Heath Care Card with the child named on the card or issued in the child's name; or
- A current Australian Government Concession card, with automatic Heath Care Card entitlements (with the child named on the card); or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card.

If a grandparent looks after their grandchild and holds a current Australian Government Pensioner Concession Card with the child named on the card, the child is eligible for Kindy Plus.

The following concession cards are not eligible for Kindy Plus:

- Department of Veteran's Affairs Orange Card; and
- Senior's Card.

Families can contact <u>Services Australia</u> to see if their Australian Government Concession card has automatic Health Care Card entitlements and/or to confirm that they have a current Health Care Card.

Change of circumstances

If the child's circumstances change and the child is no longer eligible for Kindy Plus, the family must inform the kindergarten service immediately.



When a child is no longer eligible for Kindy Plus, there is no adjustment in the quarter. Access stops at the end of the quarter unless the child's eligibility changes.

The end date (i.e. Health Care Card expiry) should be captured in the service's approved Child Care Management System.

If a child becomes eligible for Kindy Plus during the quarter, the start date is captured and the subsidy is back dated to this start date.

Record keeping

The approved provider must hold relevant documentation as evidence of an eligible child meeting the criterion for Kindy Plus.

Copies of Health Care Cards, Pension Cards, Veterans' Cards or other government documentation confirming eligibility must be retained as well as enrolment forms.

The expiry date of Health Care Cards, Pension Cards and Veterans' Cards must be monitored and payments adjusted accordingly.

The Department of Education conducts assurance reviews of approved kindergarten program providers to monitor ongoing compliance and records must be retained for the prescribed legislative timeframe.

More information

- Refer to the <u>Queensland Kindergarten Funding Essentials</u> on the Department of Education website.
- Contact the Grants Management team on (07) 3035 2244 or by email at <u>QKFS.LDC@qed.qld.gov.au</u>.
- Sessional kindergartens can contact their central governing body.