

Central Registration System (CRS)

Priority of Access (PoA) Criteria

Commonwealth and State Government - Priority of Access Criteria	Long Day Care (LDC)	4 year old Kindergarten	3 year old Program
Vulnerability – the family is referred by Child Protection, ChildFIRST, Family Support Services Maternal and Child Health Service	✓	✓	✓
Children in Out of Home Care - placement of children away from their parents (i.e. foster care, permanent care or kinship care)	✓	✓	✓
Children with High Support Needs	✓	✓	✓
Single parent who satisfies or parents who both satisfy the work/training/study test under Section 14 of the 'A New Tax System (Family Assistance)	✓	N/A	N/A
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander – the child is identified by a parent, carer or legal guardian as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent	✓	✓	✓
Disability in Family	✓	✓	✓
Subsidy Card Holders – the child individually holds or has a parent who holds a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran's Affairs Card and multiple birth children (more than three)	✓	✓	✓
Refugee or Asylum Seeker Families – appropriate visa that identifies the child and or family as a refugee or asylum seeker	✓	✓	✓
Single Parent	✓	✓	✓
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Background (CALD) with demonstrated support needs	✓	✓	✓
Approved 2nd year Kindergarten	N/A	✓	✓
Local Area Criteria			
Maribyrnong residents – child's primary residence	✓	✓	✓
Non-resident with municipal link – parents or guardians working, studying and/or use informal child care for three or more days a week in the City of Maribyrnong	✓	✓	✓
Sibling of a child currently enrolled and attending a LDC service. This is to promote continuity of work related needs within families. All siblings must be registered in CRS.	✓	N/A	N/A
A child currently enrolled and attending a long day care service with integrated or sessional kindergarten program, is given priority at the same service and must be registered for kindergarten.	N/A	✓	✓
A child registered for a 3 year old program in the same year as a sibling placed in 4 year old kindergarten, is given priority at the same service.	N/A	✓	✓

Definitions

Vulnerability – children are vulnerable if the capacity of parents and family to effectively care, protect and provide for their long term development and wellbeing is limited*. Some factors, which may contribute to a child being vulnerable, include:

- Living in a family with low income or one which is experiencing problems with housing, domestic violence, substance abuse or mental health;
- Having a culturally and linguistically diverse background with demonstrated support needs
- Having a young or single parent, or
- A parent with a disability.

**Victorian Government, Victoria's Vulnerable Children – Our Shared Responsibility Strategy 2013-2022, May 2013, pg 4*

High Support/Additional Needs refers to children that:

- Require additional assistance in order to fully participate in an early childhood program
- Require a combination of services which are individually planned, or
- Have an identified specific disability or developmental delay.

Disability in Family

Priority is provided to children of families that include a person with disability. That means there is:

- Significant risk of serious injury to self or others
- Extremely restricted capacity for movement
- Exceptional support needs that require immediate medical intervention for life threatening situations.