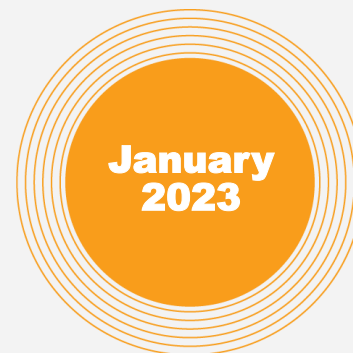


Central Registration System (CRS)



Priority of Access (PoA) Criteria

Commonwealth and State Government Criteria	Long Day Child Care (LDC)	4 year old Kindergarten (sessional)	3 year old Kindergarten (sessional)
Early Start Kindergarten	●	●	●
Vulnerability	●	●	●
Family has had contact with Victorian Child Protection Service	●	●	●
Children in out of home care	●	●	●
Children with high support needs	●	●	●
Single parent who satisfies or both parents who are working / studying / training	●	N/A	N/A
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	●	●	●
Disability in family	●	●	●
Subsidy Card holders	●	●	●
Refugee or asylum seeker families	●	●	●
Single parent	●	●	●
Culturally and linguistically diverse background (CALD)	●	●	●
Multiple births (triplets / quadruplets etc.)	●	●	●
Approved second year kindergarten	N/A	●	N/A
Local Area Criteria			
Live in the municipality	●	●	●
Neighbourhood area (resident and first preference only)	N/A	●	●
Child cared for in municipality (non-resident)	●	●	●
Work / study / train in municipality (non-resident)	●	N/A	N/A
Sibling of a child currently enrolled and attending a LDC service	●	N/A	N/A
A child placed and attending a 3 year old sessional kindergarten program with the same service as first preference for 4 year old kindergarten the following year (residents only)	N/A	●	N/A
A child registered for a 3 year old sessional kindergarten program in the same year as sibling placed in a 4 year old sessional kindergarten receives priority for the same service	N/A	N/A	●
Hubs only (Gowrie Victoria Clare Court, Church St Children's Centre, Angliss Children's Centre, Billy Button Children's Centre, (Brenbeal Children's Centre 4yo sessional kindergarten only))			
Children attending long day childcare will be given priority if they choose that centre as first preference for sessional kindergarten (families would need to choose either sessional or integrated kindergarten at the service)	N/A	●	●
Sibling of a child currently enrolled and attending sessional kindergarten	●	N/A	N/A

Definitions and notes

Early Start Kindergarten (ESK)

Provides eligible children with 15 hours of free or low cost kindergarten each week led by a qualified Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registered teacher. ESK is available to children who are at least three years old by 30 April in the year they are enrolled to attend the program and are:

- from a refugee or asylum seeker background, or
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, or
- known to child protection

These children can also access free or low cost year-before-school kindergarten through the ESK Extension Grant regardless of whether they have accessed ESK the previous year.

Vulnerable

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; history of family violence or parental history of abuse and neglect
- Having a young or single parent
- A parent with a disability
- Child experiencing period of vulnerability at different stages of life depending on changing family circumstances
- Child FIRST

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

Working / studying / training

Families need to satisfy the work/training/study test under Section 14 of the 'A New Tax System (Family Assistance).

Children with High Support Needs (Assessed)

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
- Have a complex medical condition, an identified specific disability or developmental delay

The child:

- Is assessed in having delays in two or more areas and declared eligible for a second year of funded four year old kindergarten
- Holds a Child Disability Health Care Card
- Has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package or referred by the National Disability Insurance Scheme, an Early Childhood Intervention Service, the Preschool Field Officer or the Maternal and Child Health nurse

The family:

- Can show documentation that the child is being assessed.

Live in Municipality

As shown via a Rental agreement, rates notice, utilities bill, Driver's Licence.

Subsidy Card Holders

The child individually holds or has a parent who holds one of the following:

- a Commonwealth Health Care Card
- a Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
- a Department of Veteran's Affairs Gold Card or White Card
- Refugee Visa (subclass 200)
- In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201)
- Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (subclass 786)
- Protection visa (subclass 866)

Disability in Family

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

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

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Parents, carers or legal guardians who identify a child as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander do not need to prove verification of this.

Refugee or Asylum Seeker Status

A child is eligible for ESK if the child holds or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:

- Refugee visa (subclass 200)
- In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201)
- Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)
- Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203)
- Woman at Risk visa (subclass 204)
- Humanitarian Stay visa (subclass 44)
- Temporary Protection visa (subclass 785)
- Temporary (Humanitarian Concern) visa (subclass 786)
- Safe Haven Enterprise visa (subclass 790)
- Protection visa (subclass 866)
- Bridging visas for any of the above Refugee or Asylum Seeker visas

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)

One or both parents require an interpreter.

Multiple births

Identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more).

Neighbourhood area

Families who reside within a particular neighbourhood precinct receive this if they choose one of the services within that precinct as their first preference.

Child cared for in municipality (non-resident)

Care can be any of the following: grandparent or extended family member, family day carer, early childhood education centre.

Work/study/train in the municipality (non-resident)

Families who do not reside within the City of Maribyrnong need to provide name and address of place of work or study/training organisation.

Hubs

A centre that has more than one service on offer for families. This weighting applies if the same Service Manager operates the long day child care and sessional kindergarten programs offered at the hub.

Registration Date

The date a complete application is received by CRS is the Registration Date and is applied in developing the LDC waitlists.