



Australian Government
Department of Education,
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Apply for Round 3 CCCF grant

The Community Child Care Fund Open Competitive Round 3 grant opportunity supports services in disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.

It gives eligible services extra funding to:

- help them stay open, and
- increase the number of children in care from disadvantaged or vulnerable families and communities, including regional and remote areas.

Applications for Round 3 are open and close 11pm (AEDT) on 22 February 2021.

The application forms, guidelines, questions and answers, and other information are available on the [Community Grants Hub](#).

[Learn more about grant opportunity](#)

Provider Eligible Enrolments

Provider Eligible (PE) Enrolments can only be used in limited circumstances. An example is when a child is 'at risk' for the purposes of Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing) but the family does not meet residency requirements for Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Where a carer is likely to be eligible, regardless of whether or not they have applied for CCS, the family should apply for CCS, and a standard Complying Written Arrangement (CWA) enrolment should be created.

You must contact us at childwellbeing@dese.gov.au to discuss making a PE Enrolment before creating the enrolment to confirm there is no eligible individual.

If you have existing children on a PE Enrolment, you need to make sure you have followed the advice as detailed in Section 41 of the [Guide to ACCS \(child wellbeing\)](#).

Where a child has been incorrectly entered under a PE Enrolment, you must end the enrolment and enter into a CWA with the carer to start a new enrolment.

Subsidised care for preschoolers

Families who do not meet the activity test may be eligible for 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for preschool-aged children.

This exemption applies if a family meets the following criteria:

- they are eligible for Child Care Subsidy
- they are not otherwise exempt from the activity test
- it is the year before their child starts primary school, and
- their child attends a preschool program at a Centre Based Day Care service.

This exemption only applies to preschool-aged children. It does not apply to other children in the same family.

Families should provide Centrelink with their child's expected school start date through [myGov](#) or the [Express Plus Centrelink mobile app](#). Centrelink will use this information to determine if the exemption applies.

For more information, refer to the [preschool exemption fact sheet](#).

Online resources

Here is some of the online help available to services on our upgraded [website](#). This includes:

- [Help in an emergency webpage](#), which links to short videos on how to prepare for an emergency, what to do when a crisis strikes, and the Australian Government support available to help you recover
- Information on your [responsibilities and obligations](#), and
- Many other [resources for providers](#).

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