



Australian Government
Department of Education,
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WA Local Emergency

Last week we declared a Local Emergency for four municipalities affected by bushfires in Western Australia.

The declaration applies from 1 February until 14 February for the following local government areas:

- City of Swan
- Shire of Mundaring
- Shire of Chittering
- Shire of Northam.

The declaration provides affected families with extra absence days if they have reached their 42 allowable absence days.

Generally, Child Care Subsidy isn't paid until a child physically attends a session of care. It also isn't paid after their last day of physical attendance. However, this declaration means families can receive CCS for absences where their child was enrolled in but did not attend care:

- up to 7 days before their first attendance, or
- up to 7 days after their last physical attendance.

We'll continue to monitor the situation in Western Australia.

[Learn more about help in a local emergency on our website](#)

Are your details up to date on Child Care Finder?

Providers must ensure their details on [Child Care Finder](#) are up to date.

You need to let us know about changes to fees or operating hours within 14 days of any change.

You also need to tell us about anticipated vacancies at your service(s) by 8pm AEDT each Friday.

There's more information about when you need to notify us of a change in the [Child Care Provider Handbook](#).

How to update your details

You can update your details in the [Provider Entry Point](#)(PEP) or through your third-party software.

For help, see the [task card on updating your details in the PEP](#) or contact your third-party software provider.

Please allow up to 24 hours for Child Care Finder to reflect changes.

Reminder: CCCF applications open



Your service may be eligible for funding under Round 3 of the Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) Open Competitive grant.

Priority will be given to supporting services and families in [regional and remote communities](#).

Applications close at 11pm (AEDT) on Monday, 22 February 2021.

[Watch this short video to learn more](#)

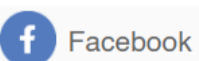
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