



Australian Government  
Department of Education,  
Skills and Employment

Dear Colleagues,

Here is this week's newsletter sent to providers and services across Australia. Please feel free to share across your networks, and encourage individuals to subscribe to this newsletter for important updates.

Regards, Digital Communication team, Early Childhood and Child Care

## Have your say on workforce strategy

Public consultation is open on the 10-year National Children's Education and Care Workforce Strategy (2021–30).

ACECQA is coordinating the development of the strategy on behalf of all governments.

We encourage anyone working in early childhood to:

- read the [consultation document](#), and
- provide feedback through an [online survey](#).

Your feedback is essential to support the development of this strategy.

The survey closes 31 May 2021.

Learn more about the strategy on [ACECQA's website](#).

## Update your Child Care Finder details

Are your fee and vacancy details up to date on [Child Care Finder](#) to help families find your service?

Reporting of fees and vacancies is a legal requirement under Family Assistance Law.

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.

More information about when you need to notify us of changes is available in the [Child Care Provider Handbook](#).

Please allow up to 24 hours for [Child Care Finder](#) to reflect changes.

## Better understand balancing

We encourage providers and services to remind families about the next deadline for balancing Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Two important deadlines fall on 30 June 2021:

- the second deadline for confirming 2018–19 income, and
- the first deadline for confirming 2019–20 income.

We have new resources you can share with families:

- [Display this poster at your service](#)
- [Share this fact sheet with families](#).

More information for providers is on our [balancing webpage](#), including a [short video](#) to help you understand the process.

If families have questions, please direct them to the [Services Australia website](#).

## Future of Work Program opens

The Future of Work Program aims to build a regional workforce for the future.

The program is available to students enrolled or considering enrolling in a short course who live in:

- Bowen Basin and Mackay, Queensland
- Roxby Downs and Upper Spencer Gulf, South Australia
- The Pilbara and Goldfields, Western Australia
- Hunter Region, New South Wales.

Eligible students will have their student contribution fee covered. They may also receive help with other expenses.

Applications close 25 June 2021.

If you have questions about the program, email [applications@regionalfutureofwork.com](mailto:applications@regionalfutureofwork.com)

[Find short courses on Course Seeker](#)

[Discover more about Future of Work program](#)

## Free and low-fee training available

The JobTrainer Fund is providing free or low-fee additional training places for job seekers and young people, including school leavers, to upskill or reskill in areas of need.

You can choose from a range of accredited diplomas, certificates or short courses.

Available courses in early childhood education and care include:

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC30113)
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113).

Available courses may differ across states and territories.

A list of occupations, training courses and providers is available on the [My Skills](#) website.

[Learn more about JobTrainer on Your Career website](#)

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