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Are you set for a new school year?

With the 2021 school year underway, we'd like to remind you of some key opportunities and issues in early childhood education and care.

CCCF Open Round 3 applications

Applications are open for the Community Child Care Fund Open Competitive Round 3 grants.

We've allocated \$117 million over the next 3 years to help services in vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

Applications close 11pm AEDT 22 February 2021.

[Find out if you're eligible on our website.](#)

2021 ECEC National Workforce Census

Last Friday (29 January), we emailed providers a Prior Notification Letter with details of the upcoming 2021 National Workforce Census.

Action for providers

Please check that you received this email.

If you didn't receive the email, or your email address has changed, please update your contact details in the Provider Entry Point or your third-party software.

If you need to make an update, email ECEC-NWC@dese.gov.au to ensure the census reaches you.

[Learn more about the census on our website.](#)

Compliance essentials

Would you benefit from a refresher on your obligations under Family Assistance Law?

We've got videos about:

- what to do if children or educators go on holidays
- rules for Family Day Care educators who care for relatives, and
- fit and proper person requirements.

[Watch the compliance mini videos on our website.](#)

Emergency support

Do you know what support is available if you're affected by a local emergency?

We've got three short videos explaining what you need to know in an emergency.

[Go to videos on our website.](#)

COVID-19 update

We continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation, including the situation in Western Australia.

[Stay up to date on COVID-19 information for the early childhood sector on our website.](#)

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