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Guide to ACCS (child wellbeing) updated

We've updated the [Guide to Additional Child Care Subsidy \(ACCS\) \(child wellbeing\)](#) to reflect changes that took effect on 1 July 2021. The guide contains information for providers and services involved in the administration of ACCS (child wellbeing). Changes to ACCS (child wellbeing) include:

- extending the backdating period from 28 days to 13 weeks (in exceptional circumstances),
- extending the determination period for children in foster care from 13 weeks to 12 months, and
- changes to Provider Eligible Enrolments (now Provider Eligible Arrangements).

[Read more about the updated Guide to ACCS \(child wellbeing\) on our website.](#)

Session reports cut-off 8 August

Providers have until 8 August to submit session reports to Services Australia for the 2020–21 Child Care Subsidy (CCS) year.

Finalising session reports by this deadline is essential for balancing (or reconciling) family CCS entitlements for the financial year just gone.

From 8 August, the Child Care Subsidy System will be closed for the 2020–21 CCS year.

You will then be unable to submit, vary or withdraw session reports for any period of care between 13 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.

\$100 million in CCCF funding for services

More than \$100 million was awarded to 385 child care providers in the latest round of the [Community Child Care Fund \(CCCF\) Open Competitive Grant](#).

The grants, announced across three categories, help services to stay open and increase the number of children accessing care in regional, remote and disadvantaged communities.

A total of 1194 applications were received from 962 child care services under Round 3 of the grant.

[Find out more about the announcement.](#)

Early Learning Matters Week

Next week, politicians, educators, community leaders and children across Australia will celebrate [Early Learning Matters Week](#).

Organised by Early Childhood Australia, the initiative seeks to raise awareness of what high-quality early childhood education and care looks like, and the ways it supports children's development and wellbeing.

It is also a time for educators to show the community how they help children to develop their cognitive, social and emotional skills.

[Find out how to get involved.](#)

COVID-19: stay up to date

We regularly update our website to reflect the changing circumstances of how COVID-19 is impacting the sector across Australia.

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