



Australian Government
Department of Education,
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COVID-19 and child care: stay up to date

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

[Visit our COVID-19 home page](#) to find out what support is available to you. This includes access to additional allowable absences in Commonwealth-declared hotspots for lockdowns that extend longer than seven days.

Special Circumstances: extra support

If your service viability has been impacted by an unexpected event, including COVID-19, you may be eligible for a [Community Child Care Fund Special Circumstances Grant](#).

You can apply for Special Circumstances funding after the event has occurred and after accessing other COVID support

Survey: how should we inform you?

We want your feedback so we can better inform you about early childhood and child care policy and issues.

[Complete this short 10-minute survey](#) to help us improve your access to relevant and timely information.

As well, we would like you to share [the survey link](#) with your colleagues.

The survey will not collect personal information and all responses will remain anonymous.

The survey closes on Friday 20 August.

Jobs Fairs: helping you find staff

The Australian Government is hosting Job Fairs with a focus on aged care, disability services, and early childhood education and care.

These events will be held on:

- Tuesday 21 September at C.ex Coffs International Stadium, Coffs Harbour, NSW
- Thursday 23 September at Panthers Port Macquarie, NSW.

To attend, and for more information, email CareSector@dese.gov.au by COB Friday 20 August.

The Australian Government is also hosting other job fairs around the country to give employers an opportunity to recruit for a variety of roles and to connect with employment service providers.

These will be held in:

- Adelaide on Wednesday 18 August
- Cairns on Friday 20 August
- Perth on Tuesday 7 September
- Bundaberg on Thursday 16 September
- Geelong on Wednesday 22 September.

Limited booths will be available because of COVID-19.

For more information visit the [exhibitor information](#) page or email JobsFairs@dese.gov.au.

Please note, these job fairs have been postponed because of COVID-19: Ipswich on Friday 13 August

- Central Coast on Friday 3 September
- Hunter Region on Thursday 9 September
- Illawarra South Coast on Tuesday 14 September.

Updated Guide to ACCS (child wellbeing)

The [Guide to Additional Child Care Subsidy Guide \(ACCS\) \(child wellbeing\)](#) has been updated to help providers and services who administer the ACCS (child wellbeing).

You can read it online or download a print version.

Find more resources, including such guides, [on our website](#)

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