

Period Products Access Arrangements

Interim – December 2023

As at: 23 December 2023

Locations

- > ACT Government Child and Family Centre, West Belconnen
- > ACT Government Child and Family Centre, Gungahlin
- > ACT Government Child and Family Centre, Tuggeranong
- > ACT Government Child Development Service, Holder

Purpose

Under section 10 of the *Period Products and Facilities (Access) Act 2023*, the ACT Government must maintain written arrangements for access to period products at public places on the Suitable Places List, available on the relevant ACT Government website. Access Arrangements set out how:

- > a person can access period products in a way that respects their dignity.
- > a reasonable range of period products will be available at the place.

Expected users

Members of the public accessing support through ACT Government Child and Family Centres, and the Child Development Services, including:

- > parents and carers
- > young people
- > the general public at the Child and Family Centres which are open between 9am – 5pm Mon to Fri.

Access arrangements

Period products are available in dispensers installed in gender-neutral public bathrooms in ACT Government Child and Family Centres, and the Child Development Service, free of charge. Where gender-neutral public bathrooms are not available, period products will be initially available in women's bathrooms.

Signs are used to indicate that free period products are available at the location. This will include signs at the entrance to the building, at the entrance to the specific bathrooms that have dispensers installed, and (if located within specific cubicles), on the cubicle door.

Range of products

Sanitary napkins and tampons are available to the public in ACT Government Child and Family Centres, and the Child Development Service.

Principle of Dignity

Products are available in unisex bathrooms where possible, supporting all people who menstruate to discreetly and privately access the products they need.