

Eligibility and Enrolment



Three-year-old
preschool
an ACT Government program

Eligible children can access up to 300 hours of free three-year-old preschool each calendar year. Learning is play-based and, where possible, led by a qualified Early Childhood Teacher to support children's early language, social, physical and learning skills before they start school.

This fact sheet explains who can access the program and what families need to do to enrol.

Is my child eligible?

Your child is **eligible** if they:

- Turn **3 years old on or before 30 April** of the year they attend
- **Live in the ACT**
- Are enrolled at a **participating Partner Provider service**.

Your child is **not eligible** if they:

- Hold a **temporary visa** under the Migration Act
- Have **already accessed** the program in a previous year
- Are accessing:
 - The **targeted 3-year-old initiative**, or
 - **4-year-old preschool** in the same calendar year.
- Will access **kindergarten** in the following calendar year.

Where can I access the program?

The Three-year-old preschool program is delivered only through approved Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services, called Partner Providers. There are more than 140 Partner Providers across the ACT, each with their own enrolment process. You can only access the program at one service over one calendar year.

How do I enrol in the program?

1. Check if your service is a Partner Provider, or enrol in a service that suits your family's needs

Your child must be enrolled at a Partner Provider service to take part in the program.

If you are already enrolled at a service, ask them if they are a Partner Provider or check the ACT Government website for a list of services. Your service can tell you if your child is eligible to access the program.

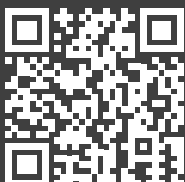
If your child is not yet enrolled, contact a service that suits your family's needs and they can guide you through the enrolment process.

2. Talk with the Partner Provider about how they deliver the free 300 hours

Partner Providers will deliver the program in different ways. They can explain how they provide up to 300 hours of free preschool and how the fee relief applies to your child's enrolment across the year.

3. Complete the Parent Declaration and Consent Form

Once you are enrolled at a Partner Provider service, they will provide you with a Parent Declaration and Consent Form so that you can receive fee relief. The form will ask you to confirm that your child is eligible. Your service will help you complete the form if needed.



For more information about the Three-year-old preschool program and to find a participating Partner Provider, visit www.act.gov.au/playandlearn



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