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Weekly wrap for the early childhood education and care sector



In this week's edition, we cover the updated early learning frameworks from ACECQA, share how you can participate in the ABS review into ECEC classification, and highlight a CCS Helpdesk closure.

From the department

CCS Helpdesk closed tomorrow

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Helpdesk will be closed for the public holiday on Thursday 26 January.

The helpdesk will reopen at 9 am AEDT on Friday 27 January.

You can contact the helpdesk anytime [by email](#) and we will respond during business hours.

Changes to CCS from July 2023

Most families using early childhood education and care will get more CCS from July 2023.

Here's what you need to know:

- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90%.
- Families earning \$80,000 or less will get 90% subsidy.
- Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 will get a subsidy that tapers down from 90%, depending on their income. The subsidy will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 earned.
- Families with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can still get a higher rate for their second and younger children.

In the lead-up to July, we'll provide you with information and resources to share with families.

Make sure you're [getting our emails](#) and join our [Facebook group](#) so you don't miss any updates.

Reminder: workforce discount now includes cooks

As of 1 January 2023, cooks are now included in the [early childhood workforce discount](#).

Providers can now offer a discounted fee to cooks they employ whose children are enrolled at one of their services. The discount will not affect an employee's CCS entitlement.

The cook must be employed at a Centre Based Day Care or Outside School Hours Care service to be eligible for the discount.

[Learn more about the discount](#).

From the sector

National early learning frameworks have been updated

***Belonging, Being and Becoming* and *My Time, Our Place* now reflect contemporary practices and contain new principles and clearer guidance for educators.**

Education Ministers endorsed the frameworks in December 2022 after an extensive consultation process.

In particular, the updates strengthen the frameworks' connection with the National Quality Standard in areas such as:

- transitions
- sustainability
- theoretical approaches
- critical reflection
- inclusion
- the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of being, knowing and doing.

Throughout 2023, providers, services and educators can familiarise themselves with updated frameworks and begin incorporating them into program and practice. They will become mandatory in early 2024.

[Visit the ACECQA website](#) to:

- download the updated frameworks
- read detailed information about the updates

- find out more about the transition process.

ABS review into the classification of ECEC

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is reviewing how jobs are classified in Australia.

This will ensure classifications reflect the contemporary labour market and Australia's workforce needs.

You can provide feedback on early childhood education and care sector occupation classifications. Public consultations open on 1 February.

Updated classifications will be released in December 2024.

Find more information on how to participate via the [ABS website](#).

Webinar: get help with your small business

Does your 2023 include growing your small business? Jobs Showcase recently hosted a webinar to help you find the support you'll need.

Learn how Self-Employment Assistance can help your small business. Plus hear guest speakers share their success stories and top tips to kick-start your self-employment journey.

Catch the webinar via [Jobs Showcase On Demand](#).

Facts from FAL

Report changes to FDC and IHC educator contact details

Each week we're highlighting a task that providers must perform under Family Assistance Law (FAL).

You must report changes to names and contact details for:

- Family Day Care educators
- In Home Care educators.

This task can be performed by:

- a person with management or control (PMC)
- a person responsible for the day-to-day operation of a service (for their service only).

You must report within 7 days after becoming aware of the change. Report through the [Provider Entry Point](#) (PEP) or your third-party software.

If you fail to meet your obligations on time you may receive an [infringement](#).

Find a [list of obligations, tasks and timeframes](#) on our website.

For families

Confirming child care enrolments for CCS

You need to lodge a claim or already be getting Child Care Subsidy to confirm your child care enrolment.

Visit the [Services Australia website](#) to learn more.

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