



Early Childhood Education Weekly Update

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What you need to know this week:

- New National Law Online Assessment launching in March
- Expanded small business fees and charges rebates
- Reminder: we want your feedback on the DIP and ECCMS

Dear services and providers

Sector wide updates

National Law Online Assessment

ACECQA has announced from March 2022, state and territory regulatory authorities will have a nationally consistent and rigorous way of requiring applicants to complete an assessment. The NSW Department of Education will require applicants to complete the new online multiple-choice assessment which will include a range of questions about the National Law and National Regulations, and the responsibilities and obligations of an approved provider.

The purpose of this change is to promote the safety, health and wellbeing of children, and improve children's educational outcomes when they attend an education and care service.

The new online assessment will also streamline applications through the use of new technologies.

This change will apply to prospective new service providers seeking an approval or existing providers applying to expand. Services will be informed upon application if they need to complete the assessment, in which case specific instructions will be provided.

More information

Read [ACECQA's newsletter](#).

Expanded small business fees and charges rebates

Service NSW is providing additional support for businesses impacted by COVID-19 by increasing the business fees and charges rebate from \$2000 to \$3000.

This rebate helps businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19 and can be used to offset the costs of rapid antigen tests (RATs) as well as eligible NSW and local government fees.

Businesses who have already registered for the rebate will receive an automatic top-up of \$1000 and newly registered businesses will receive a rebate of \$3000.

What you should do next

Businesses can [apply for the small business fees and charges rebate](#) through Service NSW.

More information

Visit the [Service NSW website](#).

Don't forget

- All community and mobile preschools are encouraged to complete an [online survey](#) as part of an evaluation of the Disability Inclusion Program (DIP).
- We want your feedback on the Early Childhood Contract Management System (ECCMS)! [Register your interest](#) for a feedback session.

For more information

If you have any questions about your service operation you can contact the Information and Enquiries team on 1800 619 113 or by emailing ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.

For the latest COVID-19 advice please visit the [COVID-19 guidelines for ECEC services](#).



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