



Free Kindy in 2024

What is Free Kindy?

From 1 January 2024, the Queensland Government is making kindy free for families with eligible-age children - that is, those turning 4 years old by 30 June, in the year they attend kindy.

Free kindy will be provided for government-approved kindergarten programs, which typically run 15 hours per week, for 40 weeks per year and are taught by a qualified early childhood teacher.

You can find a Queensland government-approved kindy program by looking for the “kindy tick of approval”, which may be blue or green.



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How to claim Free Kindy?

Families can choose to attend a government-approved kindergarten program in a sessional kindergarten or childcare centre.

If your child is eligible, the government will provide the funding directly to your centre, however, only one centre can claim it for each child.

If your eligible-age child is enrolled at two sessional kindergartens, for the same enrolment period, you can choose which centre receives the funding. If your child is enrolled at a sessional kindergarten and a childcare centre, you can only claim it at the kindergarten.

You will need to nominate the centre when you complete your **Enrolment Booklet**. If you already completed an Enrolment Booklet, and nominated the centre you are attending, you do not need to do anything.

If you did not nominate a centre in the Enrolment Booklet, or you would like to change your nominated centre, you will need to complete an **Update of Details Form** - available from your centre.

Payable Fees

Free Kindy is only available for one kindergarten group, so you may have to pay fees if your child attends two groups. For example:

- your child attends both kindergarten groups at the one centre
- your child attends kindergarten at two different centres.

In these scenarios, you will need to pay the daily fee for the second group, or the other centre you are not claiming Free Kindy at.

You may also have to pay an enrolment fee, which is a one-off fee and paid before your child starts kindergarten.

When can your child enrol in kindy?

Your child must be 4 years old, by 30 June, in the year they attend kindy, to receive Free Kindy.

Year child born	Kindy year
1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020	2024
1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	2025
1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	2026

About C&K Kindy

Kindergarten, known as “kindy”, is a play-based program for children in the year before they start Prep – the first year of primary school in Queensland.

Kindy delivers a range of experiences that support children with their learning, wellbeing and development.

Participating in kindy helps children to develop a lifelong love of learning and prepare for Prep.

Learning at kindy

Kindy provides young children with opportunities to:

- use language to communicate ideas, feelings and needs
- make friends and develop social skills
- identify issues and develop problem-solving skills
- become more confident and independent
- connect with, explore and contribute to their world
- build on their interests and knowledge.

Centre Details

For more information, visit
www.candk.asn.au/ck-free-kindy
www.qld.gov.au/freekindy