

Priority of access criteria – Department of Education, Kindergarten Funding Guide

High priority children	Criteria and processes for verifying need(s)
Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in out-of-home care	<p>The child is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eligible for ESK or AEL, and/or • family, carer or legal guardian identifies the child as known to Child Protection or in out-of-home care, and/or • referred by one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection • Child and family services (family services referral and support team, Child FIRST/integrated family services/Services Connect case worker) • Maternal and Child Health nurse • out-of-home care provider.
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	As part of the enrolment process, service providers must respectfully ask families 'do you identify your child as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?' and record this information in KIMS.
Asylum seeker and refugee children	<p>Child or family holds a visa or supporting documentation and information, including an ImmiCard, identifying the child and/or parents, carers or legal guardians as a refugee or asylum seeker, and/or</p> <p>Referred as a refugee or asylum seeker by a CALD outreach worker.</p>
Children that meet the eligibility criteria for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy	<p>A child or parent holds a Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran's Affairs Card, and/or</p> <p>The child is identified on their birth certificate as one of a set of triplets,</p>

	quadruplets or more.
<p>Children with additional needs, defined as children who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with an identified specific disability or developmental delay • who require additional assistance to fully participate in the kindergarten program • who require a combination of services which are individually planned 	<p>The child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds a Child Disability Health Care Card, and/or • has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support (KIS) program, and/or • has been referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the National Disability Insurance Scheme • Early Childhood Intervention Services • Preschool Field Officer • Maternal and Child Health nurse, or • is assessed as having delays in 2 or more areas and is declared eligible for a second year of funded Four Year Old Kindergarten