

2026 Queensland Kindergarten Funding Essentials

Amendments

The [2026 Queensland Kindergarten Funding Essentials \(KFEs\)](#) outline key funding subsidies, eligibility criteria and application processes for Queensland's approved kindergarten programs. In response to stakeholder feedback, amendments are periodically made to improve clarity and understanding of requirements under Free Kindy. The table below provides a summary of amendments made to date.

Revision	Amendments
Version 1.1 - March 2026	<p>Sessional Kindergarten KFEs</p> <p>NEW Section 6.9.3 Children subject to shared care or custody arrangements: Information for children in shared care attending two Approved Kindergarten Programs.</p> <p>NEW Section 9.3 Mandatory child safety training: Information on requirement to complete mandatory child safety training in accordance with legislative and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>UPDATE Section 9.4 Subsidy spending rules and financial obligations: Mandatory child safety training listed as excluded from all Free Kindy subsidies.</p> <p>UPDATE Section 11: Data collection and reporting: Additional information on the timing and completion of the Transition Statements.</p> <p>Long Day Care Services KFEs</p> <p>NEW Section 5.1.1 Children subject to shared care or custody arrangements: Information for children in shared care attending two Approved Kindergarten Programs.</p> <p>NEW Section 7.7.8 Mandatory child safety training: Information on requirement to complete mandatory child safety training in accordance with legislative and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>UPDATE Section 8.3 Subsidy spending rules and financial obligations: Mandatory child safety training listed as excluded from all Free Kindy subsidies.</p> <p>UPDATE Section 10 Data collection and reporting: Additional information on the timing and completion of the Transition Statements.</p> <p>UPDATE General: Clarification of requirements for the Base Subsidy minimum 80% and maximum 20% usage.</p>

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