



# 15 hours per week 40 weeks per year



## Giving kids the chance to explore, play and learn

### What is Free Kindy?

Free Kindy gives eligible children 15 hours of free kindy per week for up to 40 weeks in a program approved by the Queensland Government.

Kindy is a part-time education program for children in the year before they start school. It's a fantastic opportunity for kids to explore, play, and learn in a supportive environment.

Through fun, play-based activities, children develop early learning skills, build confidence, and improve their overall wellbeing.

Kindy programs may vary depending on the service. This could look like two full days or three shorter days, depending on the service, with extra care available for an additional cost. If your child attends kindy in a long day care setting, the [Australian Government Child Care Subsidy](#) may help cover the cost of additional care. Speak to your Kindy provider to find the best option for your family.

### Why Free Kindy?

Here are some of the amazing benefits your child will enjoy at Free Kindy:

Free Kindy gives kids the chance to explore, play, and learn while laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

At Kindy, children will:

- Explore new ideas and express themselves through imaginative play.
- Make friends and build social skills.
- Nurture curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- Develop independence and confidence by making decisions and negotiating.
- Strengthen resilience and a sense of identity.
- Begin exploring early reading, writing, and numeracy skills.

## Choosing Free Kindy

All children in Queensland are eligible to attend an approved kindergarten program in the year before they start school.

An approved kindy program is:

- Delivered by qualified early childhood teachers, following Queensland Government guidelines.
- Typically offered for 15 hours a week, over 40 weeks a year.
- Based on Queensland's approved kindergarten learning guidelines or other accredited learning programs.

Look for the 'Free Kindy tick of approval' logo to ensure the program is government approved.



### Facts about Free Kindy



**Educational program  
for 4-year-olds**



**With a qualified early  
childhood teacher**



**15 hours per week,  
40 weeks per year and  
is free**



**At approved Free Kindy  
program providers**

## Enrolling in Free Kindy

Use our [Free Kindy finder](#) to find a program near you.

Get in touch with your chosen kindy service to start the enrolment process. Some services may have waiting lists, so it's a good idea to enrol early.

Check your child's eligibility. Your child must be 4 years old by 30 June in the year they enrol. Here's a quick guide:

Child born	When child can attend kindy
1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	2026
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	2027
1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	2028
1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025	2029
1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	2030

To enrol your child in Kindy, you will need to provide:

- Your child's name and address.
- Your details as their parent, carer or guardian.
- Details of any court orders or parenting orders or plans.
- Details of any additional support required (e.g. disability, food allergies or other needs).
- Proof of date of birth (e.g. birth certificate, passport or government-issued document, with alternatives available for Aboriginal children or Torres Strait Islander children).
- Health and immunisation status.
- Details of the people allowed to pick up your child and who to notify in an emergency.

Your service will keep this information confidential, and you will have full access to your child's records.

### Find out more

For more information on Free Kindy or to use the Free Kindy finder, visit [qld.gov.au/FreeKindy](http://qld.gov.au/FreeKindy)