



# Kindergarten Funding

## What is it?

A commitment to permanent funding the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education guaranteeing 15 hours per week for all kindergarten-aged children beyond December 2019.

## Why it's important

Early childhood education is the foundation for lifelong learning.

The National Partnership Agreement with the federal government guaranteeing funding of 15 hours per week for all kindergarten-aged children expires in December 2019.

Without ongoing funding for universal access to early childhood education, many families will no longer be able to afford putting their children into kindergarten.

This impacts on children, their families, and kindergarten staff, and at the same time jeopardises Australia's quality of education.

## What we're seeking

A commitment to permanent funding for the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education.