

Preschool program

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition: A preschool program is a structured, play based learning program, delivered by a degree qualified teacher primarily aimed at children in the year before they commence full-time schooling, irrespective of the type of institution that provides it or whether it is government funded or privately provided. Programs may be delivered in a variety of service settings including separate preschools or kindergartens, long day care centres, in association with a school etc.

The terms most commonly used to describe preschool programs in states and territories are:

- Kindergarten – Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania.
- Kindergarten or Preschool – Victoria, South Australia.
- Preschool – New South Wales, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: A preschool program may or may not be delivered in such a way that meets the Universal Access goal. The requirements for Universal Access are listed below.

The National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education is a commitment to joint Commonwealth, State and Territory action to deliver universal access to quality early childhood education in the year before full-time schooling.

Universal access means that every child, in the year before they commence full-time school, has access to a preschool program that is:

- delivered by a four year university qualified early childhood teacher in accordance with the National Early Years Learning Framework
- available for at least 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year
- delivered across a diversity of settings that meets the needs of parents and at a cost that does not present a barrier to participation.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Early Childhood Data Sub Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Early childhood education program](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

Metadata items which use this glossary item: [Child—maximum preschool program hours available, total hours N\[N\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Child—preschool program attendance indicator, yes/no code N](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Child—preschool program enrolment indicator, yes/no code N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Child—preschool program enrolment indicator, yes/no code N](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

[Child—preschool program fees charged per week, total Australian currency N\[N\(8\)\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Child—preschool program hours attended \(per week\), total hours N\[N\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Child—preschool program hours enrolled \(per week\), total hours N\[N\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013
- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Child—preschool program hours enrolled \(per week\), total hours N\[N\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

[Child—preschool program received from a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

[Child—preschool program received from a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Person \(employed\)—hours worked in preschool program delivery, total hours NNN](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 01/06/2015

[Person \(employed\)—preschool program delivery indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Standard 07/06/2011

[Service provider organisation—maximum preschool program hours available per week, total hours N\[N\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Service provider organisation—number of children attending a preschool program, total N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Service provider organisation—number of Indigenous children attending a preschool program, total number N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 11/09/2012

[Service provider organisation—number of Indigenous children enrolled in a preschool program, total N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

[Service provider organisation—number of Indigenous children enrolled in a preschool program, total N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/04/2013

[Service provider organisation—number of preschool program enrolments, total number N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

[Service provider organisation—number of preschool program enrolments, total number N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Service provider organisation—number of preschool program hours enrolled, total hours N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 08/04/2013

[Service provider organisation—number of preschool program hours enrolled, total hours N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[Service provider organisation—preschool program attendance hours, total hours N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Early Childhood](#), Superseded 28/05/2014