

Early childhood education program

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
Synonymous names:	Preschool program
METEOR identifier:	762661
Registration status:	Early Childhood , Standard 05/07/2022
Definition:	<p>An early childhood education program is a structured, play-based learning program, delivered by a qualified teacher and aimed at children in the year or two 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.</p> <p>The terms most commonly used to describe early childhood education programs which are subject to the Preschool Reform Agreement (PRA) in states and territories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten – Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania.• Preschool – New South Wales, South Australia, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Education
Steward:	Early Childhood Policy Group (ECPG)
Origin:	Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) 2021. Preschool Reform Agreement. Canberra: CFFR, viewed 4 August 2022 https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/preschool-reform-agreement
Reference documents:	Australian Government (2018). National information agreement on early childhood education and care. Canberra: Australian Government

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Early childhood education program Early Childhood , Superseded 05/07/2022
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[Child—early childhood education program hours attended](#)
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[Child—early childhood education program hours enrolled](#)
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[Number of early childhood education program service operation weeks](#)
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[Person \(employed\)—hours worked in early childhood education program delivery \(per week\)](#)
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