

Those early years: Preschool enrolment

The NSW Department of Education and Communities currently operates 100 preschools in NSW public schools, providing an early childhood program for children one year before Kindergarten.

Here you can find out the age at which your child is eligible to enrol in a NSW government preschool, when to enrol and how to go about making an application.

When to enrol in preschool

Children are eligible to enrol in NSW public preschools if they turn four on or before July 31 of that year.

Applications for next year are taken from Term 2 of the current

school year.

The preschool follows eligibility criteria set out in the department's preschool enrolment procedures.

First priority is given to children who live within the school's local area.

If the number of applicants exceeds the places available, the school's placement panel will consider each application and make recommendations for placement according to the department's eligibility criteria and priority.

Priority is given to children from disadvantaged backgrounds who are unable to access other children's services and, in particular, those families who experience finan-

cial hardship and children of Aboriginal descent.

Enrolment appointments

Please contact your NSW public preschool of choice to make an appointment to discuss your child's potential enrolment. You will be asked to bring these documents with you to the appointment:

* Your child's birth certificate or identity documents

* Proof of your child's address - originals of different documents such as your council rates notice or residential lease and electricity bill

* Low income health care card (if applicable)

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9. Participate in the preschool and the school

Parents/carers are welcome to participate in the preschool by attending special activities and by volunteering to help in the classroom. This may assist to reassure your child that you are interested in them and their preschool.

10. Provide information about your child's immunisation status

Your child will be coming into contact with other children and infections can spread quickly.

Immunisation records will be requested for preschool enrolment.

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