

Flying Start for kids

Data and Funding webinar



Government of
South Australia

Acknowledgement of Country

From the heart:

We acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples as the First peoples of South Australia and as custodians of the lands, waters, skies and communities where we live, learn and raise children.

We recognise Aboriginal peoples as having the longest living culture, raising children safe and strong in their Identity, Community, Culture, and connection to Country.

We pay our deep respects to Elders past and present, and their role as the first knowledge sharers for children. We follow in their footsteps.

Aboriginal peoples, working with and for children, are central in shaping our work. Their wisdom, advice, and guidance enriches our practices, creating a more inclusive and culturally safe environment for children and families.

We respect Aboriginal peoples' ways of being, doing and wise practices guiding our continual learning.

Together we walk and build stronger, more supportive communities for all children.



By the end of today's session



You should understand:

- the funded program streams
- the data collection requirements
- the timelines for data submissions
- when the first payment will be received.





Funded Program Streams

Funded Program Stream	Eligibility	Policy and Funding Guide reference
Universal preschool program (up to 15 hours – 3- & 4-year-old) enrolments		
Teaching and learning	All partner services	Appendix 1 – Funding summary 2026
Regional loading	Partner services in certain ARIA levels	
Preschool Boost	All partner services	
Backfill	All partner services	
Outreach	From 2027 only, partner services in SEIFA 1 and 2 only	Will be available in updated P&FG for 2027
Preschool Plus program (up to 30 hours – 3- & 4-year-old) enrolments		
Preschool Plus teaching and learning	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	Rates: Appendix 1 – Funding summary 2026 Detail: Appendix 4 – Preschool Plus program guide
Regional loading	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	
Preschool Boost	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	Appendix 4 – Preschool Plus program guide
Outreach	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	
Preschool Plus fee relief	Preschool Plus enrolment that meets eligibility criteria	



Data Collection Requirements

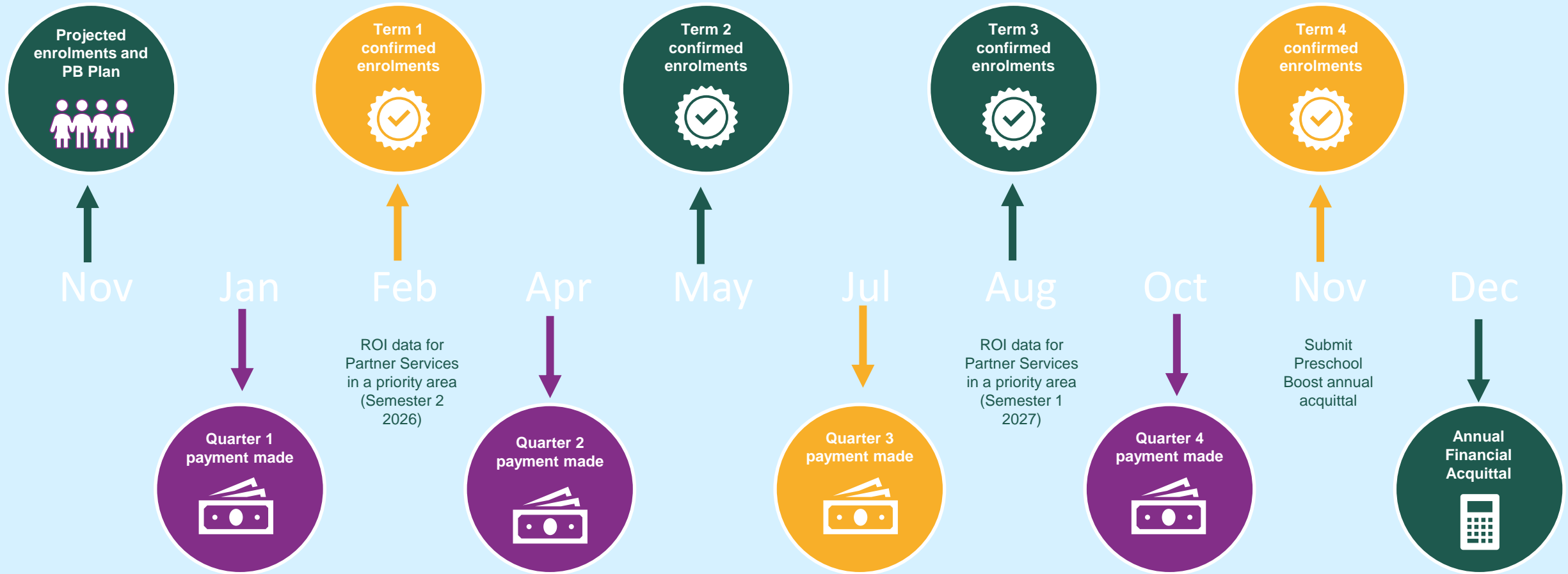


Partner Services are required to:

- provide **projected enrolment data** to the OECD in advance of Term 1 of the **first year of any services partnership**.
- provide **confirmed enrolment data** each term.
- **ensure all information** provided, including provider and service details and teacher and enrolment information **is accurate and submitted within required timeframes** as set out by the OECD.



Data Collection Requirements





Projected Term 1 2026 Data Submission

Overview

- By 7 November 2025, all partner services will be required to submit projected enrolments to the OECD for Term 1, 2026.
- The data collected will align with the data fields outlined in the Policy and Funding Guide.
- This data will inform the first payment made to services in January 2026, including estimated Preschool Plus fee relief (if applicable).
- Due to the confidential nature of the data, submissions will be made via the iApply platform and OECD supplied Excel spreadsheet.
- Future data submissions will be completed in EC Connect.



Timelines

- **w/c 29 September 2025** – Data capture Excel sent to all partner services.
- **Mid-October 2025** – Dedicated webinar for Q&A
- **20 October 2025** – iApply platform opens and step-by-step guide sent.
- **7 November 2025** – Term 1 projected enrolment data due to the OECD.
- **Across November and December 2025** – OECD to undertake duplicate and child eligibility checks.
- **By 30 January 2026** – Quarter 1 payment made to all services



What's next?

- Continue to promote the availability of 3- and 4-year-old preschool to your families and communities.
- Collect 3- and 4-year-old declaration and consent forms for all interested children.
- OECD Local Teams will continue to engage with services regarding child eligibility and any other preschool queries.



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Questions

