

Flying Start for kids

Preparing for Data Submissions
to Support Funding



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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.



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By the end of today's session

You'll gain an understanding of:

- The platform, process and timeframes for data submissions
- The payment approach and timing for Flying Start partner services commencing in mid-year 2026.



Quarterly data submission



- Each quarter, the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) collects data on **3- and 4-year-old preschool enrolments** during the relevant reference period (weeks 2 and 3 of each term).
- Each partner service will have access to their own secure SharePoint Library to submit their data to the OECD for the required reporting period.
- The data is completed in an Excel template and due by close of business end of week 4 of each term.
- Detailed **step-by-step instructions** will be distributed to support the process.
- The final, validated enrolments each term will inform the next quarter's funding allocation to support delivery in that quarter. For example, Term 4 data will inform funding to be paid for Term 1 delivery.



SharePoint Libraries for Partner Services



- The Term 3 2026 data submission will be completed via the secure SharePoint site.
- **Each Flying Start Partner Service** will have **access to their own secure SharePoint Library** to submit their data to the OECD for the required data reporting period.
- A SharePoint document library is a secure, central repository on a SharePoint site designed for storing, organising, and collaborating on files including sharing documents.
- Partner Services require an email address, internet connection and a web browser to access SharePoint.

SharePoint Library access



- Initially, the email address provided with your EOI will be granted access to your secure SharePoint site.
- OECD will contact this email address to ask you who should be accessing your SharePoint site.
- You can contact us anytime to change who has access to your SharePoint site. Please email OECD.PreschoolFunding@sa.gov.au,
- Please note that group email addresses can have problems accessing SharePoint and we encourage providing alternatives.

Term 3 confirmed data submission



This term, the Office for Early Childhood Development is collecting data for:

- Confirmed preschool enrolments in the Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool programs during the Term 3 2026 reference period i.e. weeks 2 & 3 of Term 3 2026 (27 July – 7 August 2026)
- Registrations of interest data for applicable services in priority areas only. Services required to provide these will be informed of their requirement.

This data will need to be completed and finalised by **5.00pm ACST Friday 14 August 2026**.

Reminders



- Children are eligible to access up to 8 terms or 2 years of funded preschool in the 2 years before school.
- Children need to turn 3 on or before 31 October 2026 to be eligible for this intake.
- You can use the Flying Start online age calculator to help **check age eligibility**.
- An enrolment checklist has been designed to support services to confidently identify all eligible children to include in the preschool Term 3 2026 data submission.
- Confirm all eligible children are included in your data submission.
- Ensure that you have signed Declaration and Consent forms for all children in the data submission.

Mid-year start



- Services will commence preschool provision from July with their first payment in October 2026. This payment will be calculated using Term 3 2026 enrolments and used to pay both Term 3 and 4 delivery.
- Going forward, mid-year partners will be paid in line with the standard Flying Start payment processes and timeframes used for services commencing at the start of the year.
- This ensures a consistent approach for OECD teams and providers across both start-of-year and mid-year intakes and supports transition to the standard payment cycle in 2027.

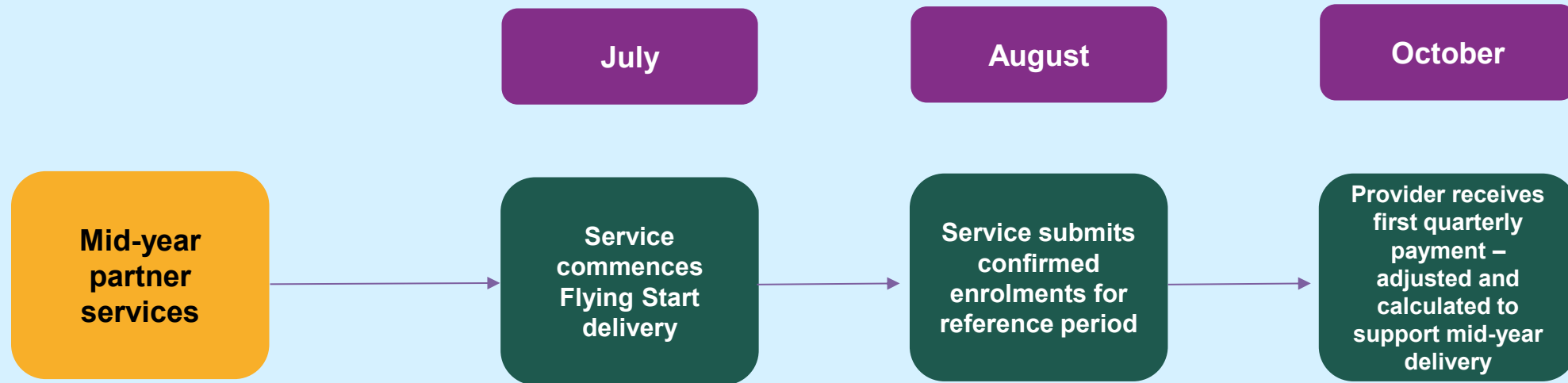
Payment approach for 2026



Overview – 2026 mid-year partners

Funded Program Stream	Payment Frequency	Payment Approach	Rationale
Teaching and learning T&L regional loading Targeted Child Subsidy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	Quarterly	Paid for quarter 3 and 4 in October, based on confirmed enrolment data submitted for weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3 reference period	Supports program setup and aligns with existing Flying Start arrangements; mid-year services do not provide projected enrolment data.
Backfill - Preschool Toolkit	Annual	One-off payment of \$525	Supports initial program setup, consistent with first-year support provided to full year services – can be used anytime in first 18 months.
Backfill - Professional Networks	Annual	50% of annual backfill value (\$210)	Supports attendance at two professional network meetings, proportional in participation in core partnership activities
<i>Preschool Plus Fee Relief Preschool Plus Outreach Preschool Plus Preschool Boost</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>Not applicable- services not eligible to commence Preschool Plus until 2027</i>	<i>No mid-year partners will have eligible Preschool Plus enrolments in Term 3 2026.</i>
<i>Preschool Boost Backfill for Mandatory Training</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Not applicable- funding commencing from 2027</i>	<i>No services partnering mid-year are integrated hubs Aligned to Preschool Boost planning and funding for 2027.</i>

Timeline



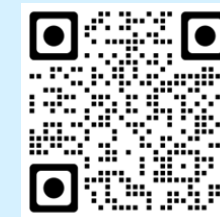
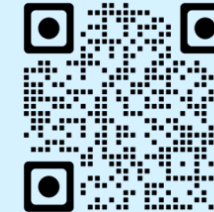
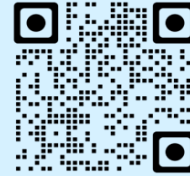
Services transitioning from PRA



- Services who were part of the **4-year-old only** Preschool Reform Agreement (PRA) for their term 1 and 2 preschool delivery, will transition **off** that agreement and **onto the new Flying Start delivery model**.
- The OECD have undertaken a **reconciliation** of the PRA term 1 and 2 enrolment figures – in line with the standard PRA reconciliation process.
- Where a Provider's **PRA** will be **varied** and the agreement **continues for 2026 (with other non-transitioned Flying Start services)**, any adjustments will be included in the term 3 PRA payment.
- Where a Provider's **PRA** will be **terminated** as all services under the agreement have **transitioned to Flying Start**, any adjustments will be calculated and either an RCTI or tax invoice issued for payment.
- Regardless of whether the 2026 PRA is being terminated or varied, **a financial acquittal is required** for all mid-year services that transition from PRA to Flying Start.

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- Stay up to date with the Flying Start partners e-bulletin
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Questions

