

Flying Start 2026 Webinar 29 August

Q & A summary

Q: When will the Preschool Toolkit be distributed?

A: The Preschool Toolkit will be released in the coming weeks. All Flying Start partners will receive a printed copy by mail, and a digital version will be available for all services and to access online.

Q: Will prior learning be considered for staff applying to early childhood teaching courses?

A: Staff applying for early childhood education courses through tertiary and vocational education providers may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), allowing their existing experience and training to count toward their qualification. Staff are encouraged to contact their chosen provider directly to learn more about RPL and how to apply.

Q: Are early childhood educators who are not Australian residents eligible to apply for QualifySA financial support to support them while studying an early childhood education course?

A: To be eligible for financial support under the QualifySA program, an applicant must:

- be a South Australian resident
- be a citizen of Australia or New Zealand or hold a permanent resident of Australia visa
- have an offer to study an approved birth to 5 early childhood teaching qualification recognised by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). [Launch a PDF of the list.](#)

Q: Is there a guide that lists qualifications recognised by the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia?

A: To become an early childhood teacher in South Australia, staff must hold an ACECQA, National Quality Framework approved qualification and be eligible for registration with the Teachers Registration Board.

Q: Does an ECT attending professional development need to be covered by another ECT while off the floor?

A: Yes. Services must plan appropriate backfill arrangements to ensure a qualified ECT continues delivering the preschool program if the regular ECT attends professional development during scheduled preschool hours. If the professional development takes place outside of preschool hours, a replacement ECT is not required.



Q: Are Preschool Toolkit professional development opportunities available for early childhood teachers and educators? Who should attend?

A: Yes. Preschool Toolkit professional development opportunities will be available for early childhood teachers and educators within a partner service.

Partnered services will receive a contribution to backfill of up to a total of \$525 to participate in Preschool Toolkit professional development. It is up to services to decide which staff should participate in the professional development, the sessions are designed for Educational Leaders, Early Childhood Teachers, and teaching teams.

All staff will have access to the free online self-paced learning modules that form part of the toolkit.

Q: If a 3- and 4-year-old teacher is on leave for 60 days and replaced by another teacher during this period, do we need to notify OECD?

A: No. Extended leave and replacement arrangements do not need to be reported to the OECD.

Q: When do the 4-year-old declaration and enrolment forms need to be returned?

A: The OECD does not require submission of the completed 4-year-old declaration and consent forms. Services will need to have collected these signed forms from families, to be eligible to receive the funding for that child. Services will also need to retain these forms in either hard or electronic copy for possible OECD auditing purposes.

