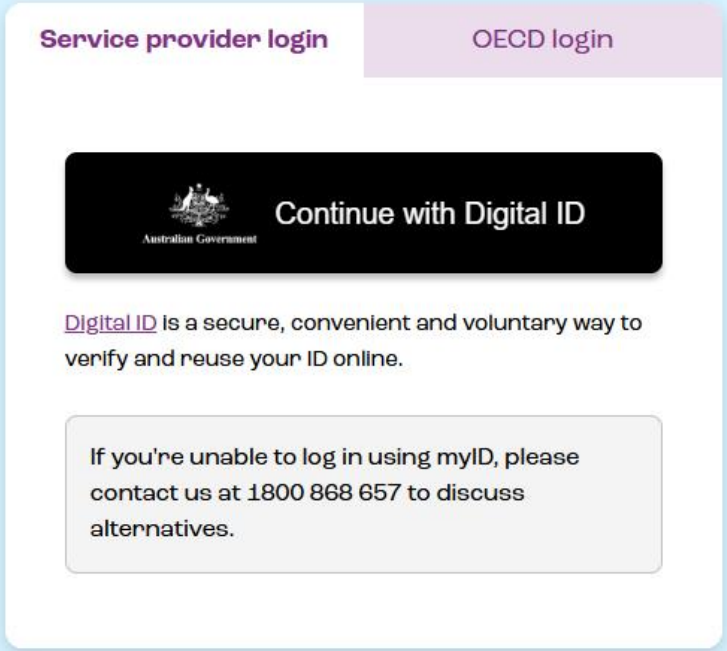
Login to EC Connect





Introducing EC Connect

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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.



What you'll gain from today



- Information about the quarterly data submission process
- Key dates for data submission and payment cycles
- Introduction and preview of EC Connect
- Understanding who will have access to EC Connect at your provider and service
- Information about what you need to do to prepare for Term 1 2027

Quarterly data submission - 2027



01 What we collect

Confirmed 3- and 4-year-old preschool enrolments for children enrolled during weeks 2 and 3 of each term (the reference period).

02 When it is due

Submit confirmed enrolment data through EC Connect by Friday of Week 4 of each term.

03 How the data is used

The OECD reviews and validates enrolments to calculate quarterly preschool payments.

04 How funding works

Teaching and learning funding is paid to support delivery of the term ahead. Child-specific fee relief is paid retrospectively.

Before submitting: Check all eligible children are included, information is accurate, and consent has been received.

How confirmed enrolments inform quarterly payments

Each term follows the same collection and payment cycle

	REFERENCE PERIOD	EC CONNECT SUBMISSION	OECD	PAYMENT
Q1	Term 4 (Oct) Weeks 2–3	Friday Week 4 of Term 4	Data validated	January
Q2	Term 1 (Feb) Weeks 2–3	Friday Week 4 of Term 1	Data validated	April
Q3	Term 2 (May) Weeks 2–3	Friday Week 4 of Term 2	Data validated	July
Q4	Term 3 (Jul–Aug) Weeks 2–3	Friday Week 4 of Term 3	Data validated	October

Teaching and learning funding is paid for the next term of delivery. Child-specific fee relief is paid retrospectively, based on confirmed enrolments in the term reported.

Introducing EC Connect



- **EC Connect**, short for **Early Childhood Connect**, is a secure online platform developed by the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD). It provides a single place for Flying Start providers and services to securely submit information to the OECD.

- EC Connect supports the **quarterly data submission process**, including the submission of enrolment and participation data, as well as **planned enrolment** data required to administer Flying Start preschool funding and programs.

- From **Term 1 2027**, all partner services delivering Flying Start programs will use EC Connect to submit their enrolment data.

- To access EC Connect, each user needs their own **myID with a Standard identity strength.** myID is the Australian Government's Digital ID app and is used to securely prove a user's identity when accessing participating government online services.

EC Connect demonstration

During today's demonstration, you will see how to:

- Activate your EC Connect account and log in using **myID**
- Manage user access at the provider level
- Submit enrolment data



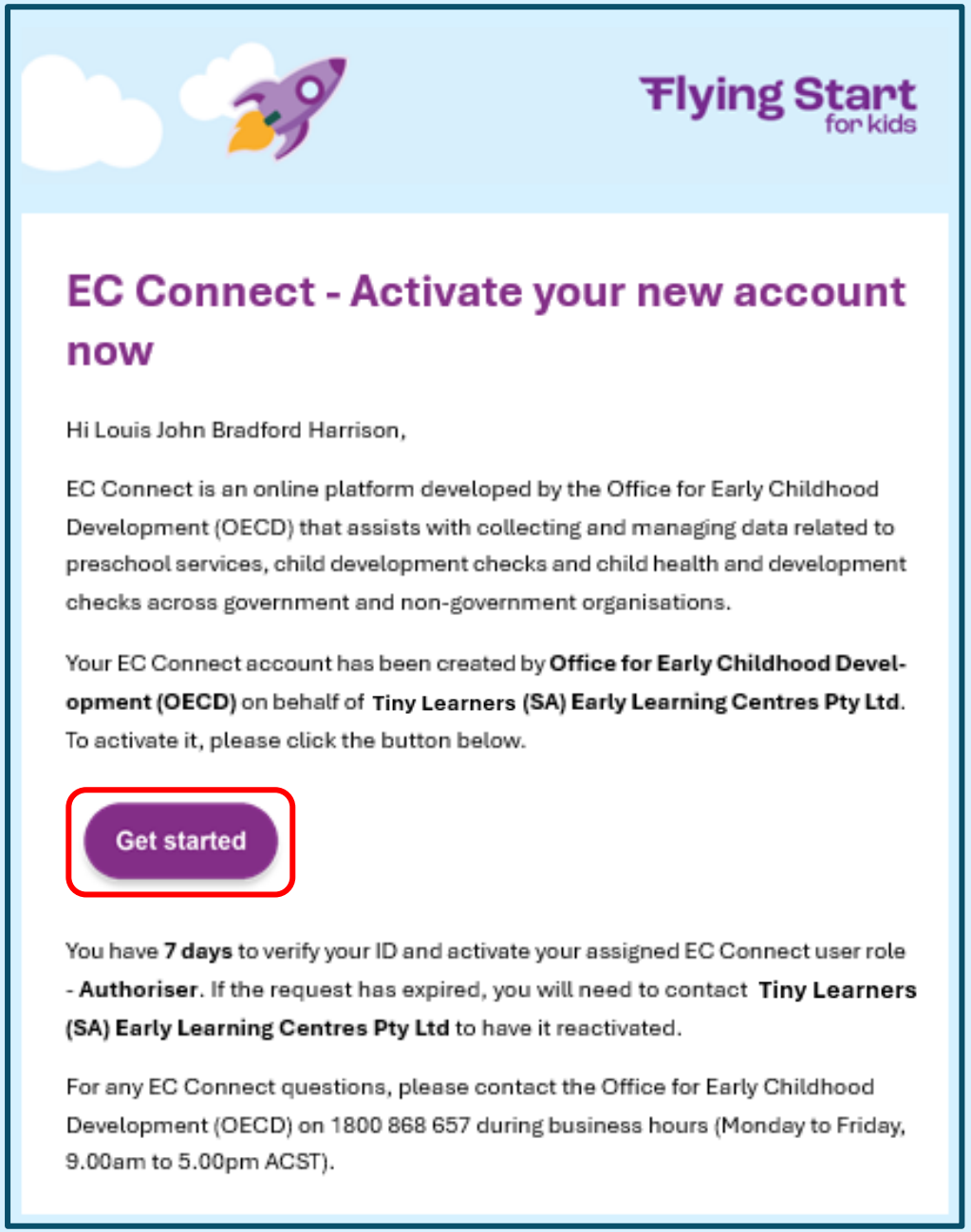
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Activate your account

Key information

- All new users will receive a system generated email from **noreply-OECD.ECConnect@sa.gov.au** when they are added as a user.
- All new users have **7 days** to activate their account and accept the terms and conditions – this is from the time they are added to the system.
- New users must have a **myID** with Standard identity strength to allow them to activate their EC Connect account.
- We recommend you prepare your myID as soon as possible.

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EC Connect - Activate your new account now

Hi Louis John Bradford Harrison,

EC Connect is an online platform developed by the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) that assists with collecting and managing data related to preschool services, child development checks and child health and development checks across government and non-government organisations.

Your EC Connect account has been created by **Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD)** on behalf of **Tiny Learners (SA) Early Learning Centres Pty Ltd**. To activate it, please click the button below.

Get started

You have **7 days** to verify your ID and activate your assigned EC Connect user role - **Authoriser**. If the request has expired, you will need to contact **Tiny Learners (SA) Early Learning Centres Pty Ltd** to have it reactivated.

For any EC Connect questions, please contact the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) on 1800 868 657 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm ACST).

Understanding user roles

Role	Access level	Permission description
Contributor	Whole provider	Users with this role and access can: • view enrolment data across all services within the provider • contribute enrolment data across all services within the provider • submit enrolment data across all services within the provider
	Selected services(s)	Users with this role and access can: • view enrolment data at the assigned service(s) • contribute enrolment data at the assigned service(s) • submit enrolment data at the assigned service(s)
Authoriser (also referred to as the **Provider-Authoriser**)	Whole provider	Users with this role and access can: • view users across all services within the assigned provider • add users across all services within the assigned provider • manage user roles across all services within the provider • remove users • deactivate users • view enrolment data across all services within the provider • contribute enrolment data across all services within the provider • submit enrolment data across all services within the provider

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Support materials

myID flyer

A simple, user-friendly flyer has been created to help providers and services prepare for EC Connect.

It provides step-by-step guidance for setting up myID, understanding authentication requirements, and ensuring users are ready to access EC Connect from day one.

Access the myID flyer on the Flying Start Partner Portal.



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Early Childhood Connect

Get EC Connect ready now!

Early Childhood Connect (EC Connect) is a new system for submitting enrolment data to the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) and supporting funding processes.

To access EC Connect, you will need a myID with a Standard identity strength.

Set up your myID now to be ready for launch!

Getting ready for EC Connect

What is myID?

myID is a secure digital identity that allows you to safely access government online services.

Using myID provides:

- a secure and seamless way to access EC Connect
- a verified digital identity linked to you
- safe access to government systems using trusted credentials

What you need to do

You need a myID with a Standard identity strength to access EC Connect.

- **I have a myID with Standard identity strength** You're all set.
- **I have a myID with Basic identity strength** Verify your identity documents in the myID app.
- **I don't have a myID** Set up a myID and verify your identity documents.

How to set up myID

Before you start

To set up your myID, you need:

- a smart device (such as a smartphone)
- a personal email address (not a shared or work email)
- to be 15 years or older
- to prepare documents that help verify who you are such as your passport, driver licence, birth certificate or Medicare card.

1. Download the myID app to your smartphone or device and setup your myID.
2. Set up your identity using your personal details
3. Verify your identity (you may need identity documents)

What's next?

1. Your EC Connect Authoriser will add you as a user and assign the appropriate permissions for your role.
2. You will receive an email invitation. Follow the link and accept the terms and conditions to activate your account.
3. Sign in to EC Connect using 'Continue with Digital ID' and follow the prompts.

Need help?

Visit www.myid.gov.au/how-to-set-up-myid, or
Scan the QR code for step-by-step instructions.

For support with EC Connect:
Call 1800 868 657 then press 1 for EC Connect Technical Support.

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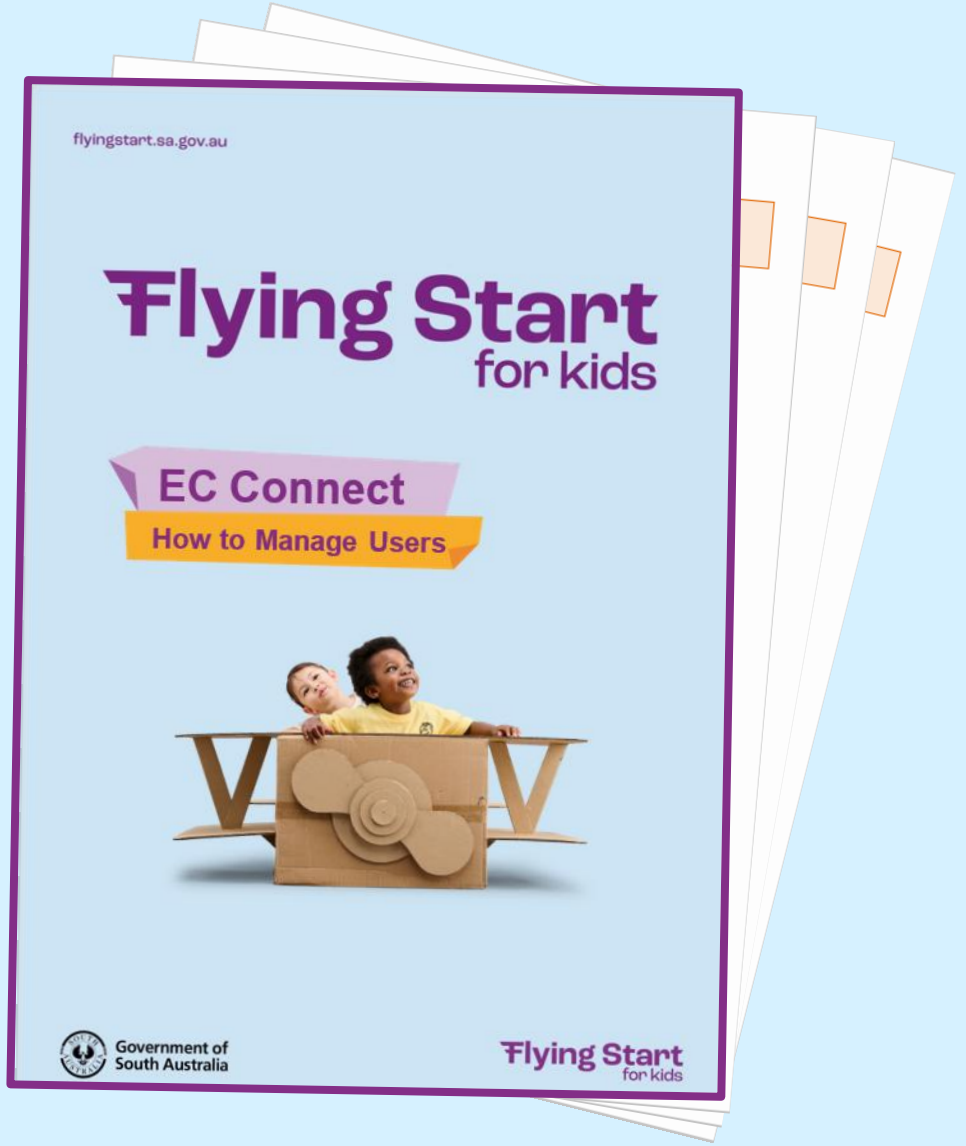
How-to guides

EC Connect has been designed to be intuitive and easy to navigate.

To support users when they need extra guidance, a suite of How-to Guides has been developed with step-by-step instructions for key tasks and system functionality.

Available guides include:

- How to log in to EC Connect
- How to manage users
- How to submit enrolment data
- How to submit planned enrolments (coming in 2027)



Need help? Access EC Connect help and support materials on the Flying Start Partner Portal.

What do we need from you?

The first user to be set up as an **Authoriser** for your provider will be added by the EC Connect team.

Providers will be required to complete the **EC Connect - Initial Authoriser Setup Request** form by **Friday 8 January 2027.** A link to the form will be emailed to providers this week.

The form will ask for the following details for the initial Authoriser:

- First name and surname
- Work position (e.g., Centre Director)
- Work-related email address (used for all EC Connect system emails)
- Provider approval number and provider legal name

The EC Connect team has already contacted providers overseeing multiple entities to meet and discuss their options.

Key Dates for Term 1 submissions



5 November 2026

Partner webinar introducing EC Connect



3 December 2026

Partner webinar promoting EC Connect launch and getting ready



January & February 2027

EC Connect training and awareness for providers and services



From 18 January 2027

Authorisers receive early access to EC Connect and add users



10 February 2027

Term 1 quarterly data and planned enrolment submissions opens



19 February 2027

Term 1 quarterly data and planned enrolment submissions due



Term 1 2027

All partner services & new 2027 partners transitioned to EC Connect

From Term 1 2027, quarterly and planned data submissions are required to be submitted through EC Connect. SharePoint access will no longer be provided.

What you need to do



To support readiness to use EC Connect in Term 1 2027, we recommend completing the following preparation activities.

Provider Checklist

- ☑ Submit the Initial Authoriser Setup Request form by 8 January 2027
- ☑ Consider who needs to have access to EC Connect at your service(s)
- ☑ Raise awareness about EC Connect to your services
- ☑ Keep an eye out for EC Connect training sessions available early 2027

All Users Checklist

- ☑ Setup **myID with Standard Identity strength**
- ☑ Attend December webinar for more updates
- ☑ Book training and access the resources early 2027

For more information

- If you have any further questions about EC Connect, please email the Funding and Monitoring team at: OECD.PreschoolFunding@sa.gov.au

Share your Flying Start stories

- We’re excited to hear about your first year delivering Flying Start.
- Your experiences and insights will help us celebrate what’s working well, identify opportunities for improvement and understand how we can best support services in 2027.
- Perhaps there’s been a special moment that has stayed with you, a success worth celebrating or something you’ve learned along the way. Your story can be as simple as a few paragraphs and a photo.

  Share it with us at **OECD.engage@sa.gov.au**.

Help us shape what's next

- We’re seeking your feedback on topics you’d like covered in our final webinar of the year, ‘Reflecting on 2026 and Looking Ahead to 2027’.

- Take the survey here:

What's next

- 6 November – Term 4 enrolment data submissions due.
- 9 November – Next round of Infrastructure Grants opens.
- Mid-November – Local Teams begin distributing Flying Start launch packs to services commencing in 2027.
- 30 November – Foundational Trauma-Informed Practice training due.
- 3 December – Webinar: EC Connect Launch and Getting Ready.
- 10 December – Webinar: Reflecting on 2026 and Looking Ahead to 2027.
- 11 December – Preschool Boost reporting due.

Stay up to date & connect with us



- Visit the Flying Start Partner Portal for key information, and resources to support you in delivering Flying Start Preschool. Password: Flying Start!
- Stay up to date with our fortnightly Flying Start partner e-bulletin, delivered straight to your inbox.
- Direct families to the OECD website for general information: www.flyingstart.sa.gov.au
- Encourage families to download the Early Years app
- Connect with us on social media – Facebook @Flying Start for kids
  Instagram @earlychildhoodsa LinkedIn @officeforearlychildhooddevelopment

Questions

