

Flying Start for kids

Term 1 2026 Data submission process



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 be familiar with:

- The process and platform for Term 1 confirmed data submission
- Timelines from data submission to payment



Term 1 confirmed data submission



This month, the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) is collecting data for:

- Confirmed enrolments in the Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool programs during the Term 1 2026 reference period i.e. weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1 2026 (2 –13 February 2026),
- Preschool Plus Fee Relief Calculators (where applicable), and
- Registrations of interests for applicable services in priority areas only.

This data will need to be completed and finalised by **5.00pm ACDT Friday 20 February 2026** and will inform your Quarter 2 payment in April 2026.

SharePoint Libraries for Partner Services



- The Term 1 2026 data submission will be completed via a secure SharePoint site.
- **Each Flying Start Partner Service will have access to their own secure SharePoint Library** to review and 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.
- Detailed **step by step instructions will be distributed** by 13 February 2026.

What are the reporting requirements



- The OECD will:
 - **provide** each service with a **copy of the eligible confirmed and validated child enrolment data** from the November 2025 projected enrolment data submission.
 - request that you **identify and update any changes** to the child level data from eligible projected enrolments (including withdrawals).
 - request that you **include any new confirmed enrolments for Term 1 2026 received since** submitting your **projected enrolment data** in November 2025.
- For services in priority areas, request you to provide information on 3-year-old preschool Registrations of Interest received for mid-year (Term 3) 2026 commencement.

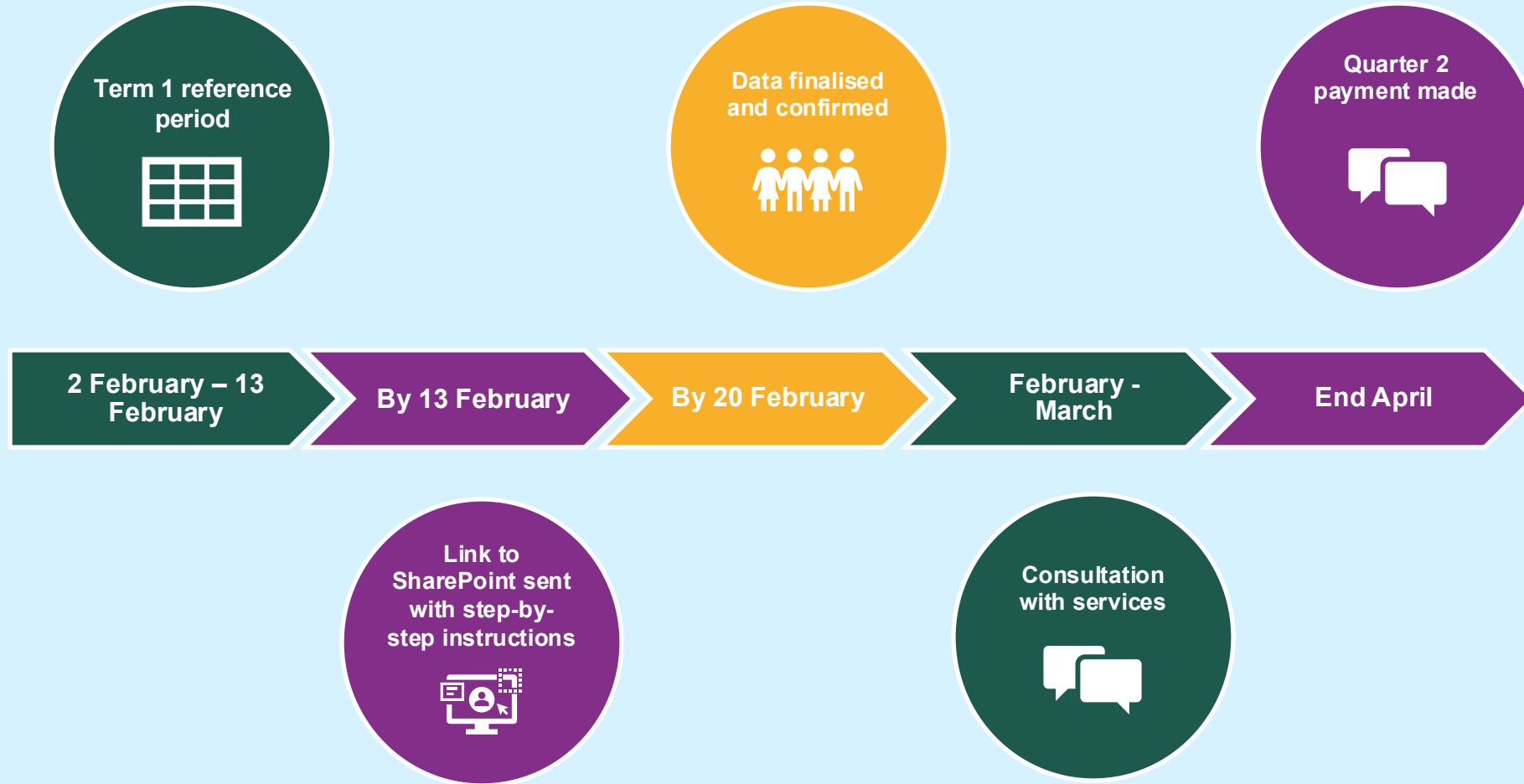
Payment Adjustments for Term 1



- The Term 1 2026 actuals will inform payments to services in late April 2026.
- A number of Flying Start Preschool Partners have advised the OECD of delays in receiving signed declaration and consent forms from families by the 7 November 2025 projected enrolment data submission deadline, meaning their projected enrolment data is less than the volume of eligible children that have now commenced preschool for Term 1 2026.
- To ensure Partner Services are not disadvantaged, the **OECD will provide Term 1 Teaching and Learning funding for any eligible enrolments that were not included in the January 2026 payment.**
- This additional funding will be calculated using the Term 1 confirmed enrolments data collection and will be paid in April 2026 as part of the Term 2 payment.
- The Term 1 data collection (covering the reference period 2–13 February 2026) will therefore be used for two purposes:
 - to provide any Teaching and Learning Term 1 funding for any eligible enrolments that were not funded in the January 2026 payment, and
 - to determine the forward funding allocation for Term 2.



Timelines



Reminders



- Children are eligible to access up to 8 terms or 2 years of funded preschool in the 2 years before school.
- You can use the Flying Start online age calculator to help check age eligibility.
- A registration checklist has been designed to support services to confidently identify all eligible children in preschool registrations and Term 1 2026 data submissions.
- Collate your Declaration and Consent forms and make sure all eligible children are included in your data submission.
- Ensure that you have all signed Declaration and Consent forms received prior to submitting your data.

Children who are starting **4-year-old preschool mid-year** may still be eligible to access **two terms of 3-year-old preschool (Terms 1 and 2)**. That means some children may already be 4 years old.

These children should **be included in your Term 1 data submission**.

Term 1 ECT reporting



Local Teams will be connecting with each service to **confirm the details of your ECTs and/or ECT SATs** in place to deliver your **3- and/or 4-year-old preschool programs for the reference period** of weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1 2026 (2 –13 February 2026). This will include:

- Full name and registration numbers
- Hours of preschool delivery per week (excluding non-contact time)
- ECT status (degree qualified ECT or ECT SAT)

This data will inform your Quarter 2 payment in April 2026.



What's next?

- Continue to promote the availability of the Flying Start 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 service delivery and readiness, child eligibility and any other preschool queries.



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Questions

