# Kindergarten funding rates 2023

Victorian government funded kindergarten providers can find which funding rates are applicable to their services in the tables below.

The same rates apply to funded three-year-old and four-year-old enrolments in programs of 15 hours per week. For services delivering a funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program less than 15 hours, child level funding will be provided on a prorated basis.

More information about each funding stream, including eligibility and how payments are made is available in the [Kindergarten Funding Guide](https://www.vic.gov.au/kindergarten-funding-guide).

## Table 1- Core funding rates

| Funding Type | 2023 rate |
| --- | --- |
| **Per capita – Services *not* operating under the Early Childhood Enterprise Agreements (EA)** |  |
| Standard per capita | $3,831 |
| Rural per capita | $4,737 |
| Independent schools Standard | $3,831 |
| Independent schools Type 1 | $640 |
| Independent schools Type 2 | $2,076 |
| **Per capita – Services operating under the Early Childhood Enterprise Agreements (EA) (or approved equivalent agreement)** |  |
| EA Standard per capita | $4,130 |
| EA Rural per capita | $5,107 |
| **Early Start Kindergarten (ESK) and Access to Early Learning** |  |
| ESK Standard | $6,630 |
| ESK Rural | $7,607 |

## Table 2- Free Kinder and other funding to support a free program

| Funding Type | Services that offer Free Kinder | Services that do not offer Free Kinder |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Free Kinder** |  |  |
| Sessional services | $2,500 | N/A |
| Long Day Care services | $2,000 | N/A |
| Per capita top-up for Type 2 independent school sessional programs (paid in addition to $2,500 Free Kinder rate) | $1,755 | N/A |
| **Kindergarten Fee Subsidy** | N/A | $2,032 |
| **Early Start Kindergarten Extension** | N/A | $2,032 |

## Table 3- Supplementary funding

| Funding Type | 2023 rate |
| --- | --- |
| Ratio Supplement |  |
| Ratio supplement – Standard | $543 |
| Ratio supplement – Early Start Kindergarten | $543 |
| Early Childhood Teacher Supplement |  |
| Standard rate – Level 2.5 | $268 |
| Standard rate – Level 3.1 | $382 |
| Standard rate – Level 3.2 to 3.6 | $671 |
| Rural rate – Level 2.5 | $332 |
| Rural rate – Level 3.1 | $474 |
| Rural rate – Levels 3.2 to 3.6 | $832 |
| Pre-Purchased Places | $6,630 |
| Travel allowance | $0.78/km |

## Table 4- Early Years Management

| Funding Type | January - December 2023 |
| --- | --- |
| Annual grant – sessional kindergarten services | $15,785 |
| Annual grant – long day care services | $11,239 |
| Additional support loading (for sessional services in rural and/or disadvantaged services) | $3,600 |
| Start-up grant – sessional kindergarten services | $15,785 |
| Start-up grant – long day care services | $11,239 |
| Transition grant – sessional kindergarten services | $15,785 |
| Transition grant – long day care services | $11,239 |
| New provider grant | Up to $75,000 |

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