**About this application**

* For a children’s service to operate, the premises must be approved as suitable by the Secretary or Delegate of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (the Department). Without premises approval, the children’s service cannot be licensed.
* If making alterations or extensions to the children’s service premises, the changes must be approved by the Secretary or Delegate of the Department.
* This application should be used to apply to the Secretary of the Department for approval of alterations or extensions to the premises of your children’s service under section 9(1)(c) of the *Children’s Services Act 1996*.
* You may request a pre-planning meeting.
* It is advised that this form be submitted before work on the alteration or extension commences.
* The part of the premises being altered or extended cannot be used as part of the children’s service until approved by the Secretary or Delegate of the Department.

**Types of services**

This application refers to different types of services. The types of services and descriptions of each are provided below.

* **Standard:** A children’s service that is an early childhood intervention service; an occasional care service; a mobile service; or a budget based service.
* **Limited hours:**

Type 1. A children’s service established to care for or educate each child for not more than 2 hours a day and not more than a total of 6 hours a week.

Type 2. A children’s service established to care for or educate each child for not more than 5 hours a day and not more than a total of 15 hours a week.

* **Short term:**

Type 1. A children’s service established to care for or educate children for not more than 120 days in a 12 month period.

Type 2. A children’s service established to care for or educate children for not more than 72 hours in a 3 month period.

* **School holidays care:** A children’s service that is established to care for or educate school children for no more than 4 weeks per calendar year during school holidays.
* **Integrated service:** A children’s service that consists of 2 or more types of children’s service (other than a short term service) provided at one premises by one licensee.
* **Associated children’s service** is a children’s service that is operated at the same place as an approved education and care service under the *Education and Care* Service*s National Law Act 2010* and *Education and Care* Servic*es National Regulations 2011*.

**Documents you must provide with this application**

* You may need to provide a range of documents as part of this application.
* The documents you will need to provide depend on your type of service, and the extent of the alterations or extensions. For an outside school hours care service it also depends on whether the service is operated at a registered school or at another location.
* A full list of documents that may be required is provided in the Document Checklist on page 2.
* Where possible, plans should be no greater than A3 in size.

**Further information**

* Further information about operating a children’s service is available at [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/) or
* Contact the Service Administration and Support Unit by email: licensed.childrens.services@edumail.vic.gov.au or telephone 1300 307 415

**Document Checklist**

The following documents will be required if relevant and to the extent relevant to the alterations or extensions proposed. An assessment of which documents are required will be conducted by a Children’s Services Authorised Officer at a Regional Office of the Department upon receipt of this application. If you are operating or proposing to operate an integrated service at the premises, you only need to provide one copy of each document but you must ensure you include the required information for each type of service.

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| **Document information** | **Is document/information required for this type of service?** | **A****T****T****A****C****H****E****D** |
| **Name of document** | **Information that must be shown on document for children’s service** | **Who needs to complete** | **Standard** | **School Holidays** **Care** (at registered school) | **School Holidays** **Care** (not at registered school) | **Limited****Hours**(all) | **Short term**(all) |
| **Site Plan**  | Showing both the current approved premises and the proposed alterations and extensions. | A registered building practitioner. | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | [ ]  |
| **Elevation plans**of the premises  | Showing both the current licensed premises and the proposed alterations and extensions. | A registered building practitioner. | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | [ ]  |
| **Diagram or Floor Plan of children’s rooms and outdoor space on premises(or a combination of both).** | Showing all indoor and outdoor spaces of both the current approved premises and the proposed alterations and extensions, including any varying configurations of those spaces that might be used from time to time. For each room, provide a unique number (eg room 1, room 2, room 3 etc) and a description (e.g. children’s room, children’s outdoor space, kitchen, toilet etc).  | A registered building practitioner for all except school holidays care at registered schools.  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | [ ]  |
| **Diagram or description of outdoor space not on premises.** | For any outdoor space not included on the premises of the children's service, a brief description or diagram of where the outdoor space is located. | Not required to be completed by a registered building practitioner. | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | [ ]  |
| **A completed *Children’s Service Area Measurements* form.** | That shows the measurements for the children’s rooms and outdoor space. | A registered building practitioner for all except school holidays care at registered schools. | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | [ ]  |
| **Soil assessment**if not previously supplied, and if earthworks or excavations exceeding depth of 1 metre are required in an area that is or will be used for outdoor play. | If applicable, the nature, extent and levels of contamination and if any contamination, the actual or potential risk to human health resulting from that contamination. | An environmental consultant, environmental consulting firm, or environmental auditor. | Yes | No | Yes, if outdoor space at premises | Yes, if outdoor space at premises | Yes | [ ]  |
| **Planning permit**if required for the proposed alterations or extensions by the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.* | If applicable, details of appropriate planning approval for the building or works. | Relevant Council or qualified practitioner. | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | [ ]  |
| **Building permit**if required for the proposed alterations or extensions by the *Building Act 1993.* | If applicable, details of appropriate approval for the building or works. | Relevant Council or qualified practitioner. | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | [ ]  |

**Applicant’s details**

1. What type of applicant are you?

**Individual** [ ]

Title (Mr etc) Family Name Given names

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**Body Corporate** Company [ ]  Incorporated association [ ]  Cooperative [ ]  Partnership [ ]

 Corporation/Government School Council [ ]

Full name of company, incorporated association, cooperative, partnership or corporation/Government School Council

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1. Provide details of the contact person for any enquiries and correspondence about this application.

Yourself as the individual applicant [ ]  OR an alternative contact person nominated below [ ]

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Title (Mr, Mrs, etc) Family Name Given names

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**Children’s service details**

1. Name of children’s service

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1. Address of children’s service premises (P.O. boxes cannot be accepted)

Unit, floor, street number and street name Suburb/Town State Postcode

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1. Contact details of children’s service

Daytime telephone number Fax number Email address

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1. In which Local Government Area is the service located? (eg Port Phillip, Swan Hill)

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1. Is this location a registered school?

No [ ] 🡪 Go to question **12.**

Yes [ ] 🡪 Name of school School registration number

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1. Is there an existing Approval of Premises?

No [ ] 🡪 Go to question **12.**

Yes [ ] 🡪 Approval of Premises number

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1. Full name of holder of Approval of Premises

Title (Mr etc) Family Name Given names

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1. Postal address

Building name (if applicable)

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**Types of services**

1. What types of services operate or are intended to operate at the premises? Refer to the descriptions on page 1 and choose all that apply

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| Type of service | Tick/Check the box below if providing this type of service | Ages of children (range) | Proposed capacity at premises (maximum number of children’s places) |
| Standard | [ ]  |       |       |
| School holidays  | [ ]  |       |       |
| Limited hours Type 1 | [ ]  |       |       |
| Limited hours Type 2 | [ ]  |       |       |
| Integrated (2 or more of the services listed above. Make sure you have ticked and provided details of relevant services above) | [ ]  | Integrated service total number of children’s places (add numbers at each service and write here)       |
| Short term Type 1 | [ ]  |       |       |
| Short term Type 2 | [ ]  |       |       |

**Alteration/Extension details**

1. Provide a brief description of the proposed alterations or extensions

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1. What is the expected starting date for commencement of work on the proposed alterations or extensions?

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1. What is the expected completion date of work on the alterations or extensions?

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**Declaration and signature**

1. I declare that the information in this application and any attachments are true and correct.

**Who must sign:**

Individuals: The individual applicant.

Company: Two directors of the company, or a director and company secretary, or if sole proprietor the sole director.

Incorporated association: The Public Officer and one other member of the management committee.

Cooperative: Two directors of the cooperative, or a director and one other officer of the cooperative.

Partnership: A managing partner who is authorised to sign on behalf of the partnership. This signature binds all partners.

Corporation/Government School Council: Signed in accordance with rules of the corporation/council.

Signature Printed name Position (if body corporate) Date

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Signature Printed name Position (if body corporate) Date

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**What to do next**

**Attach documents**

* You may attach relevant documents specified in the Document Checklist on page 2, or wait for the Regional Office to request the necessary documents.
* You may request a pre-planning meeting with a Children’s Services Authorised Officer at the Regional Office prior to submitting this application.

**Pay the application fee**

* The application fee must be paid at the time of application. There is no GST payable on any fee.
* The fee amount depends on the number of children’s places you provide or are proposing to provide. Fee amounts are listed in the fees sheet at [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ecsmanagement/licensedchildservices).or may be obtained by calling your local Regional Office.

**How to pay**

* By cheque made payable to ‘Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’.

**Lodge your application**

* By posting to:

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Quality Assessment and Regulation Division

Service Administration and Support

Unit GPO Box 4367  Melbourne  Victoria 3001

**What happens then**

* You will receive an acknowledgement that your application has been received.
* You may need to provide further information and documents before your application can be determined.
* If any change occurs in the information you have provided in your application, you must notify the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as soon as possible.
* If your application is successful, you will receive a *Certificate of Approval of Premises*.
* You will need to notify the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development when the alterations or extensions have been completed so that an onsite inspection of the premises by a Children’s Services Authorised Officer can be arranged if required.
* You may need to submit further documents depending on the scale of the alterations or extensions and whether they impact on licence capacity or licence type.