

# Early Years Assessment and Learning Tool- funding guidelines 2025

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## Summary

### Early Years Assessment and Learning Tool (EYALT) new users in 2025

Funded kindergarten services who register and are approved to use the EYALT for the first time in 2025 will have access to a service support package.

This support package includes:

- a flexible grant of up to \$3,150 (ex GST) to support activities required to implement and embed use of the EYALT in the early years planning cycle
- access to a range of EYALT specific professional learning events and resources.

Approved providers will receive the EYALT grant in two equal instalments:

- At the beginning of Assessment Period One (Term 1 2025).
- At the end of Assessment Period 2 (Term 4 2025).
- The first payment will be provided to all services, to inform preparatory activity and upskilling services to establish the tool in Assessment Period One.
- The second payment will be made to services that attend at least one session from the approved list of EYALT professional learning in Assessment Period 2 (July – October 2025), helping drive continued engagement through Assessment Period 2.

Payments will be made automatically through the Kindergarten Information Management System (KIMS) and can be tracked by the approved provider through its service agreement with the Department of Education (the department) on the Funded Agency Channel.

It is the responsibility of the approved provider to make the EYALT grant funding available to the service where the qualified early childhood teacher(s) and educators are employed and registered to use EYALT.

## Change management grant

The change management grants allow services to tailor how they support EYALT implementation based on their individual change management and professional learning support needs and goals.

This may include:

- covering the costs associated with setting up access to the EYALT, including time to engage practice and technical supports
- covering the backfill costs of providing time for teachers and educators to:
  - attend the introductory professional learning session
  - attend online group coaching practice sessions focused on the practical use of the tool
  - participate in online Communities of Practice forums focused on improving knowledge of early childhood learning progressions and assessment for learning skills
  - complete the self-paced e-learn modules

- complete the EYALT modules for each child, in the two assessment periods in 2025 (January-June and July- December). This is anticipated to take 5-15 mins for each module for each child, reducing as familiarity with the modules increases
- purchasing or upgrading IT equipment that is to be used for logging on and completing the tool modules (e.g. electronic tablet).

Please note that there is no additional funding supplied to services that registered and were approved to use for the EYALT in 2023 or 2024. However, teachers and educators from all services that use EYALT are welcome to participate in the EYALT specific professional learning opportunities in 2025.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply to use the EYALT, services must meet the following criteria:

- be approved to deliver a state-funded kindergarten for 3 and/or 4-year-olds with the program led by a fully qualified early childhood teacher,
- be rated as at least Meeting the National Quality Standard overall, and
- have leadership and service commitment to supporting teachers and educators to attend and utilise professional learning to embed the EYALT in everyday practice.

## Who can I contact?

If you need support or any further information, you can:

- contact your local Kindergarten Improvement Advisor (KIA) through your Early Childhood Improvement Branch [www.vic.gov.au/contact-early-childhood-improvement-branch](http://www.vic.gov.au/contact-early-childhood-improvement-branch)
- email the department's Assessment for Learning team at [early.years.assessment@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:early.years.assessment@education.vic.gov.au)
- visit the department's website [www.vic.gov.au/early-years-assessment-and-learning-tool](http://www.vic.gov.au/early-years-assessment-and-learning-tool).