

EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM ACT 2006

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 1452

FEEs FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT EARLY LEARNING  
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PART 1 — PRELIMINARY

1. Title

This Order may be cited as Ministerial Order No. 1452 - Fees for Services Provided to Children in Government Early Learning Centres.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this Order are —

- (a) to specify the fees to be paid in relation to children enrolled at a government early learning centre for the purpose of receiving early childhood education and care; and
- (b) to provide for the waiver or refund of those fees in certain circumstances.

3. Authorising provisions

This Order is made under sections 2A.2.2 and 5.10.4 of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**.

4. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on the day it is made.

5. Definitions

In this Order —

***kindergarten funding guidelines*** has the same meaning as in section 2.6.1 of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**;

***sessional kindergarten program*** means a kindergarten program that is funded by the State of Victoria as a sessional program in accordance with the kindergarten funding guidelines.

6. Application

- (1) This Order applies to children enrolled at the government early learning centres specified in Schedule 1.
- (2) The fees specified in this Order are payable by the parent of a child to whom this Order applies.

## **PART 2— FEES**

### **7. Fees for early childhood education and care services**

- (1) Subject to subclauses (2) and (3), the fees set out in Schedule 1 in respect of a specified government early learning centre are payable for the provision of early childhood education and care to a child enrolled at that centre.
- (2) The amount of the fee payable under subclause (1) is reduced by any subsidy or direct funding provided by the Commonwealth or the State that is applicable to the education and care of the child at the centre.
- (3) There is no fee payable under subclause (1) for the provision of a sessional kindergarten program to a child enrolled at a government early learning centre.
- (4) The fees for the provision of early childhood education and care to a child enrolled at a government early learning centre are payable in relation to the days for which the child is booked to attend whether or not the child attends the centre on those days.
- (5) Despite subclause (4), the fees set out in Schedule 1 are not payable if the child does not attend the government early learning centre on a day for which the child is booked to attend if the parent of the child gives the centre the required prior notice as determined by the Secretary and published on a Victorian Government website.
- (6) For the purposes of subclause (5), the Secretary may determine the required prior notice in relation to the following circumstances—
  - (a) the child ceasing to be enrolled at the centre; or
  - (b) where there is a change to the days on which the child is regularly booked to attend the centre.

### **8. Late collection fee**

- (1) A late collection fee is payable in accordance with subclause (2) if a child is collected from a government early learning centre after the pick up time for that child.
- (2) For the purposes of subclause (1), the late collection fee payable is:
  - (a) \$15 in the case of a child that is collected within fifteen minutes of the pick up time for that child; or
  - (b) \$1 for every minute that has passed between the pick up time for that child and the time the child is collected, in any other case.

### **9. Collection of unpaid fees**

Fees payable for the provision of early childhood education and care to a child that remain unpaid after the due date for payment may be collected in accordance with the processes determined by the Secretary and published on a Victorian Government website.

#### **10. Waiver and refund of fees**

- (1) A fee payable under this Order may be waived or refunded in whole or in part in the circumstances and manner determined by the Secretary and published on a Victorian Government website.
- (2) The circumstances determined under subclause (1) may include any of the following:
  - (a) financial hardship;
  - (b) compassionate circumstances;
  - (c) any other circumstances the Secretary considers appropriate.
- (3) A fee that is paid in error under this Order must be refunded.

#### **11. Manner of payment of fees**

The fees payable under this Order are payable in the manner determined by the Secretary and published on a Victorian Government website.

#### **12. Fees are exclusive of GST**

All fees set out in or determined under this Order are exclusive of GST.

Dated this 7 day of AUGUST 2024



**Hon Lizzie Blandthorn MP**  
**Minister for Children**

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**FEES FOR THE PROVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE**

<b>Government Early Learning Centre located at 5 Darcy Street, Sailors Gully VIC 3556, co-located with Eaglehawk North Primary School</b>		
<b>1.</b>	Fees for provision of early childhood education and care	\$ 13.15 per hour
<b>Government Early Learning Centre located at 84 Lowson Street, Fawkner VIC 3060, co-located with Moomba Park Primary School</b>		
<b>2.</b>	Fees for provision of early childhood education and care	\$ 13.43 per hour
<b>Government Early Learning Centre located at 1 Webb Street, Murtoa VIC 3390, co-located with Murtoa College</b>		
<b>3.</b>	Fees for provision of early childhood education and care	\$ 12.66 per hour
<b>Government Early Learning Centre located at 30 Leith Avenue, Sunshine VIC 3020, co-located with Sunshine Primary School</b>		
<b>4.</b>	Fees for provision of early childhood education and care	\$ 13.17 per hour