

# CENTRAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM (CRS) INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

THE CRS  
IS FOR  
COMMUNITY  
MANAGED  
SERVICES  
ONLY

## 1 EDUCATION AND CARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

TYPE	AGE	HOURS	FUNDED
Three year old sessional kindergarten	Three by 30 April of the year they start	7.5-15 hours a week (by 2029 all 3yo kindergartens will be 15 hours a week)	Free
Four year old sessional kindergarten	Four by 30 April of the year they start	15 hours a week	Free
Long Day Childcare with 3 and four year integrated kindergarten	From 0-6 years	Mon-Fri	Federal and State Govt. funded

## 2 HOW TO REGISTER



- Register online at: [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CRS](http://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CRS) or complete and return a hardcopy application to Footscray Library or Braybrook Hub.
- Explanatory videos on how to register are available in community languages at: [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CRS](http://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CRS)
- The CRS is for community-managed services only and does not include registration for private services.
- Select up to four services, numbered in order of your preference. Selecting multiple services gives you the best opportunity to receive a place when you need it.

**Tips:** If you receive an offer that's not your highest preference, you can accept the offer and still stay on the list for a higher preference (Long Day Childcare only). We recommend you visit your preferred services before registering.



### WHEN TO REGISTER?

Anytime after your child's birth.



### DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Proof of child's birthdate (birth notice, birth certificate, immunisation record or passport)
- Proof of residence
- Valid subsidy card or immigration visas (if applicable).



### REGISTRATION COSTS

There is no cost to families to register for kindergarten and long day childcare.

## 3 ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

### PRIORITY OF ACCESS GUIDELINES

The CRS has a focus to assist families vulnerable to disadvantage through its Priority of Access (PoA) process.

PoA guidelines are used when offering places and families who meet the guidelines receive higher priority on the waitlist.

If your family meets the guidelines, please provide as much information and supporting documentation as possible and attach to the CRS application online or in hardcopy.



## 4 EARLY START KINDERGARTEN

A program funded by the Department of Education for children who are three by 30 April in the year they will attend kindergarten and/or:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- The family has had contact with Child Protection
- Refugee or Asylum Seeker background



## 5 PLACEMENTS - PLACEMENT TIMING

Priority of Access guidelines are used to offer places and determine a child's place on the waitlist.

The system is unable to provide a specific timeframe for placement.

CHILDREN  
MUST BE  
IMMUNISED  
TO ATTEND



## 6 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Please ensure your child attends the 2 and 3½ year Key Age and Stage checks.

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All children must be immunised to be able to attend long day childcare and/or kindergarten.



## 7 MORE INFORMATION

[maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CRS](http://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CRS)

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[earlyyearscentralregister@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyearscentralregister@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au)



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# SUBSIDY CARDS AND VISAS



## Some families may be eligible for higher priority if:

The child individually holds or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:

- A Commonwealth Health Care Card
- A Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
- A Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card
- Refugee visa (subclass 200)
- In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201)
- Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)
- Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203)
- Woman at Risk visa (subclass 204)
- Humanitarian Stay visa (subclass 449)
- Temporary Protection visa (subclass 785)
- Temporary (Humanitarian Concern) visa (subclass 786)
- Safe Haven Enterprise visa (subclass 790)
- Protection visa (subclass 866)
- Bridging visas A-E for any of the above Refugee or Asylum Seeker visas
- Current or expired ImmiCard
- Child is identified by a parent, carer or legal guardian as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Child is identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more).

Health Care Card



Pensioner Concession Card



Humanitarian Visa



Department of Veterans' Affairs White Card



Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card



Child's Date of Birth	3yo kindergarten	4yo kindergarten
1 May 2019—30 April 2020	2023	2024
1 May 2020—30 April 2021	2024	2025
1 May 2021—30 April 2022	2025	2026
1 May 2022—30 April 2023	2026	2027