

Kindergarten fee subsidy

Extended eligibility for families affected
by the recent severe weather events in
Victoria

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The State Government's kindergarten fee subsidy provides eligible families with access to a kindergarten program for children in the year before school, for free or at low cost.

In 2011, eligibility for the kindergarten fee subsidy has been extended to families directly affected by the recent severe weather events in Victoria.

Eligibility

Families who have received a **Department of Human Services Emergency Grant** or an **Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment** as a result of the recent severe weather events in Victoria are eligible to claim the kindergarten fee subsidy for 2011.

Note: the kindergarten fee subsidy can only be claimed once per child.

Some families may already be claiming the kindergarten fee subsidy for 2011 under one of the following existing eligibility criteria:

- Families with one of the following cards, visas or documents:
 - Commonwealth Health Care Card
 - Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
 - Temporary Protection/ Humanitarian Visas 447, 451, 785 or 786
 - Resolution of Status (RoS) visa, Class CD, subclass 851
 - Asylum seekers on Bridging Visas A - F and Refugee and Special Humanitarian Visas 200-217
 - Resolution of Status (RoS) visa, Class CD, subclass 851
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card

- Triplets and quadruplets attending kindergarten in the same year
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children.

How to apply

Eligible families can claim the kindergarten fee subsidy for each eligible child by advising their kindergarten service that they have received a Department of Human Services Emergency Grant or an Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment as a result of the recent severe weather events in Victoria.

The kindergarten service will claim the kindergarten fee subsidy from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development which will provide funding to the service to provide a 10 hour and 45 minute kindergarten program for free, or a longer program at low cost.

For further information see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/kindergarten/feesubsidy

Information for kindergarten services

Kindergarten services wishing to claim the kindergarten fee subsidy for these eligible families should complete PF03B and send it to their relevant Department regional office any time up until **31st March 2011**. After this time, services can claim the kindergarten fee subsidy as part of the confirmed kindergarten funding data collection.

Form PF03B is available from the Department's website at www.education.vic.gov.au/kindergarten/fundingcriteria

