Interested in upgrading your early childhood qualification?

Scholarships are available, making it more attainable than you might have first thought.

Background
The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the early childhood workforce to meet the challenges posed by the recent early childhood sector reforms and the increases in demand for early childhood services as a result of the biggest baby boom in a generation.

A cornerstone of the Government’s support for the sector is the Early Childhood Qualifications Fund which provides support for existing licensed children’s services and approved education and care services staff to upgrade or attain an early childhood qualification.

What’s available?
The Early Childhood Qualifications Fund provides scholarships to existing early childhood educators working in licensed children’s services and approved education and care services.

Primary teachers wishing to attain an early childhood teaching qualification are also eligible to apply.

The amount of support available depends on the qualification undertaken. Support ranges from up to $1,000 for a Certificate III in Children’s Services and up to $12,000 for an early childhood teaching degree.

Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement to successfully complete the qualification and, upon completion, work for a minimum period of time in a licensed children’s service or approved education and care service.

How to apply

Complete the application form attaching relevant documentation, and return to the address shown on the form or via email to early.years.workforce@edumail.vic.gov.au

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