



NSW Department of Education 2026 Start Strong for Community Preschools Fee relief declaration form

What is this form for?

This form is for families to apply for NSW Government fee relief for eligible children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July 2026 and enrolled in an eligible community preschool. It also gives your consent to your service to share personal information with the NSW Department of Education (the department). Please see more information about this consent on Page 3.

What do families do?

1. Give this completed form to the community preschool where your child is enrolled.
2. Complete a separate form for each child enrolled at an early childhood education and care service.

You do not need to send this form to the department.

How much fee relief will you receive?

Families with children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July 2026, and who are enrolled at an eligible community preschool may save up to \$4,456 in 2026. This fee relief is provided to the service you nominate below for them to pass on to you as a fee reduction.

Please check with your service how much fee relief you will receive.

Why is this form important?

This form allows your service to apply fee relief to reduce your child's fees.

Section 1 – Your child	
First name	
Last name	
Sex	
Date of birth <i>Your child must be at least 3 years old on, or before, 31 July 2026</i>	

Address <i>Where does your child live most of the time? (this should not be a PO Box address)</i>	
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Section 2 - The community preschool where you want fee relief to be applied. You can only nominate one service, even if your child is enrolled at multiple services.

Name of preschool	
Address of preschool	

Section 3 - Is your child enrolled in another early childhood education and care service?

This includes another community preschool, long day care, occasional education and care service, or mobile education and care service? Note: You cannot apply for fee relief for the same child from another service where they are also enrolled. If your child is enrolled in more than one service, you must choose one service when applying for fee relief.	
If you answered 'yes', please provide the name/s of the other service/s	

Parent/Carer/Guardian Declaration

I understand that this information about my child is being collected on behalf of the NSW Department of Education in accordance with the Privacy Notice below.

I understand the early childhood education and care service in Section 2, where I have applied for fee relief, is required to give this information about my child to the NSW Department of Education, as per the Privacy Notice.

Please tick the box for the fee relief option that applies to you:

I **want** to access fee relief at the service nominated in Section 2

My child is not receiving Start Strong fee relief from another community preschool or long day care service.

OR

I **do not** want to access fee relief at the service nominated in Section 2

My child is receiving Start Strong fee relief from another community preschool or long day care service.

Section 4 - Parent/carer/guardian details	
Name	
Signature	
Date	

Privacy Notice

The NSW Department of Education is collecting the personal information about you and your child that you put in this form.

What information is collected?

The department collects information such as names, birth dates, addresses and service(s) enrolment information.

Do you have to complete this declaration form?

No, but if you don't, you won't receive fee relief through the department's Start Strong for Community Preschools program.

Why is this information collected?

The department collects this personal information about you and your child in connection with the administration of fee relief under the Start Strong for Community Preschools program.

For further details on how your and your child's information is collected and used as part of the program, please refer to the program guidelines and consent form provided by your early childhood education service.

You may withdraw consent to the department's use or disclosure of your information at any time by contacting the service(s) where your child is enrolled.

You have the right to access and correct your personal information held by the department by writing to Legal Services – Privacy, GPO Box 33, Sydney NSW 2001, or legal.privacy@det.nsw.edu.au

More information, including the department's Privacy Management Plan, can be found on the department's privacy webpage: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/rights-and-accountability/privacy/privacy-information-and-forms>.

Note: This section is optional. Early childhood education services can complete this section to provide more information for their own administrative processes if they would like to.

For service use only (to be completed by the early childhood education service)

Child enrolment ID	
Service ID	
Staff name	
Signature	
Date	



Artist Acknowledgement

Start Strong

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Year: 2025



Start Strong is a celebration of children’s early years and the powerful role connection plays in helping them thrive. Through symbolic patterns and vivid colours, Jess celebrates the vital connections that guides a child’s development, embracing family, community, elders, educators and culture to nurture a deep sense of belonging.

Each element in the piece reflects the interconnectedness and strength found in culture, play, learning, and shared wisdom. It reminds us that when our littlest ones are surrounded by quality care and grounded in identity, they begin life with confidence, joy, and resilience. This piece invites viewers to reflect on the importance of nurturing environments and the collective role we all play in helping children start strong.