

Central Registration & Enrolment Scheme – Priority of Access

In line with the Victorian Department of Education's Kindergarten Funding Guidelines, Wyndham City applies a Priority of Access criteria to all eligible registrations received. This Priority of Access framework requires that preference is given to registrations, in order of **high priority children**, and then, children who fit Wyndham City's **local criteria**.

Victorian Department of Education Criteria

The below criteria have been developed by the Victorian Department of Education and is required to be applied to all eligible registrations. Further information can be found [here](#).

Criteria	Application of Criteria	
	3-Year-Old Kindergarten (including additional years)	4-Year-Old Kindergarten (including additional years)
Children in Out-of-Home Care	•	•
Children known to Child Protection	•	•
Children eligible for and/or attending Early Start Kindergarten	•	•
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	•	•
Asylum seeker and refugee children	•	•
Children or families holding applicable subsidy cards	•	•
Children from multiple births (triplets or quadruplets)	•	•
Children with additional needs	•	•
Children doing an approved additional year of kindergarten	•	•

Wyndham City Local Criteria

The below criteria have been developed by Wyndham City and is applied to all eligible registrations to support children to access kindergarten across the municipality.

Criteria	Application of Criteria	
	3-Year-Old Kindergarten (including additional years)	4-Year-Old Kindergarten (including additional years)
Children attending the same service as their first preference	N/A	•
Children with a sibling(s) who is/has attended their first preference	•	•
Children who reside in the same suburb as their first preference	•	•
Children and families with a connection to Wyndham	•	•

Please see the next page for further important information and definitions.

Important Information:

- Families may be required to provide appropriate proof to be allocated points as per the criteria.
- Registered places are allocated in order from highest points to lowest points, according to the availability of a family's preferences.
- Where two or more children have the same points value, the Central Registration System will allocate randomly.
- Places are not allocated based on the time of submission. All registrations received by the cutoff date will be considered during an allocation.
- In the best interest of all children and families, Wyndham City reserves the right to consider factors such as group size, group dynamics, and other special considerations when allocating registered places to families. Kindergarten services may contact families to discuss.

Definitions for Victorian Department of Education Criteria

- **Children in Out-of-Home Care**
 - Children in Out-of-Home Care arrangements, where children are placed away from their parents due to concern that they are at risk of significant harm.
- **Children known to Child Protection**
 - Children known to and/or referred by Child Protection, Child FIRST, or other child and family services.
- **Children eligible for and/or attending Early Start Kindergarten**
 - Children who are eligible for and/or attending Early Start Kindergarten.
 - These children are eligible due to have one or more of the following criteria applied:
 - Are from a refugee or asylum seeker background
 - Are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
 - Known to Child Protection
 - In Out-of-Home Care
- **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children**
 - Parents, carers, guardians, or children who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and verification is not required to be provided for this.
- **Asylum seeker and refugee children**
 - Children, parent, or guardians who hold or have ever held refugee or asylum seeker status.
 - Applicable visas and documentation include:
 - Visas from subclasses: 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 449, 785, 786, 790, 866
 - A Bridging Visa for one of the above visa subclasses
 - A current or expired ImmiCard
- **Children or families holding applicable subsidy cards**
 - Children, parents, or guardians who hold one of the following:
 - Commonwealth Health Care Card
 - Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or White Card
 - Disability Health Care Card
- **Children from multiple births (triplets or quadruplets)**
 - Children who are triplets or quadruplets.

- **Children with additional needs**
 - Defined as children who:
 - require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the kindergarten program
 - require a combination of services which are individually planned
 - have an identified specific disability or developmental delay
 - This can be verified in various ways, including that the child:
 - is assessed as having delays in two or more areas and is declared eligible for a second funded year of kindergarten
 - holds a Child Disability Health Care Card
 - has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package, or referred by:
 - the National Disability Insurance Scheme
 - Early Childhood Intervention Service
 - Preschool Field Officer, or
 - Maternal and Child Health nurse
- **Children doing an approved additional year of kindergarten**
 - Children who have been supported by their kindergarten educator and approved by the Department of Education to undertake an additional year of either three- or four-year-old kindergarten.

Definitions for Wyndham City Local Criteria

- **Children attending the same service as their first preference**
 - Children who are currently attending the same kindergarten service as their nominated first preference kindergarten.
- **Children with a sibling(s) who is/has attended their first preference**
 - Children whose sibling(s) currently attends or has previously attended the same kindergarten service as their nominated first preference kindergarten.
- **Children who reside in the same suburb as their first preference**
 - Children whose registered address is within the same suburb as their first preference kindergarten.
- **Children and families with a connection to Wyndham**
 - Children and families who live, work, study, or have children cared for within Wyndham City.