It's public-school enrolment time!

What you need to know about enrolling your child in a public school!

1. When can my child start Preschool?

If your child turns four on or before 30 April, they can start preschool the first day of term 1 that year.

If your child turns four after 30 April, they can start preschool the first day of term 1 the following year.

1. When can my child start Kindergarten?

If your child turns five on or before 30 April, they can start kindergarten the first day of term 1 that year.

If your child turns five after 30 April, they can start kindergarten the first day of term 1 the following year.

1. When does enrolment open?

Enrolments open in week 1 term 2 for the following school year. Once open, enrolments never close. However, if you apply by early-June, you will receive a school offer from late-July.

Keep an eye on the Education Directorate website for this year’s key enrolment dates.

1. What is Priority Enrolment Area (PEA)?

The ACT is divided into Priority Enrolment Area (PEAs). What suburb and street you live in will determine which public school your child can go to. Every child from Kindergarten to Year 12 is guaranteed a place at their Priority Enrolment Area School.

1. Which Preschool can I enrol my child in?

There are different ways your child can go to preschool. Your local public school offers preschool and many early learning centres do as well. Some centres also offer preschool for 3 year olds.

You are encouraged to apply for the preschool at your local primary school which offers easier transition to kindergarten. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

If your local preschool is full, your child will go to the next closest preschool with an available spot. If you go to an out of area preschool, you will need to reapply to your PEA Kindergarten.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 3-5 may attend pre-school and Koori Preschool at the same time or attend either. Koori Preschool offers a play-based, culturally safe learning program.

1. Can I enrol my child outside my priority enrolment area?

ACT residents can apply to any ACT public school at any time using the enrolment application form. This does not guarantee your child will be accepted at the school. Applications will be prioritised against standard criteria. Some schools have more spots available for out of area students than others.

1. Where can I get help to enrol my child?

If you need help or have additional questions, please contact your local school or the Education Directorate.

* Education Directorate:(02) 6205 5429
* education.enrolment@act.gov.au

**Scan the QR Code to Enrol Online**

Once you have submitted your enrolment form, wait for the school to get in touch with an Offer – you will then be asked to supply your child’s birth certificate and proof of residence documentation.

**Scan to access Enrolment Resources**

Take a look at this additional information. You will find more information on enrolling including links to Preschool Pathways, transitions, Koori preschool, supports for parents, disability information, financial and resource assistance and learning supports.