

START

CHANGES TO ECEC FUNDING DURING COVID 19

Child Care Subsidy or CCS (implemented mid- 2018) in place

- Means-tested
- Paid to services who pass on to families
- Services receive an average of 62% of revenue from CCS

1. "FREE CHILDCARE" POLICY



- April 6, CCS system is halted
- Relief package pays 50% of revenue to services (based on a reference week in February) and additional support through Job Keeper
- Families access ECEC for free if essential worker or vulnerable

STATES ANNOUNCE FREE PRESCHOOL



April 9, NSW, VIC and QLD announce free preschool for six months

2. TRANSITION POLICY BEGINS

July 12, "free childcare" policy ends, CCS restarts and a 3 month transition package paying 25% of revenue. Activity test for impacted families relaxed.

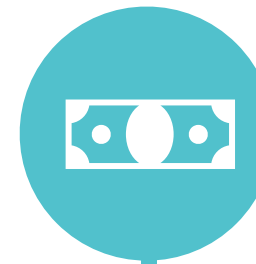
3. CUSTOMISED SUPPORT

July 20, customised support from federal government replaces Job Keeper for the sector



4. VIC SUPPORT POLICY

August 5, 5% of additional support provided to services in Melbourne



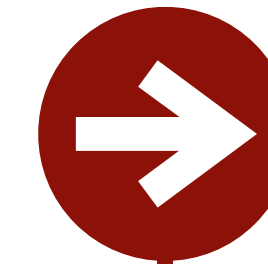
5. RECOVERY PACKAGE

Sept 28, transition policy ends, but services in Victoria continue to receive 25% fee support and families have fee freeze



VIC & NSW ANNOUNCE FREE PRESCHOOL FUNDING FOR 2021

Nov 11, both NSW and VIC state governments confirm an extension of funding for preschool programs into 2021



CHANGES TO ACCS COME INTO EFFECT

Making it easier for families to access the child wellbeing subsidy



February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

April

July



COVID DECLARED A PANDEMIC

Services report 30-50% decrease in attendance in March and 30% fear closure



REVIEW OF RELIEF PACKAGE

May 18, federal govt. reports 99% of services are still operational



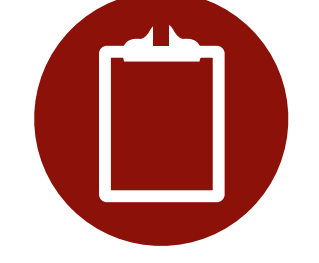
VICTORIA DECLARES STATE OF DISASTER

Aug 2, Vic announces second lockdown with nearly 12,000 cases. Only children of permitted workers/vulnerable allowed to ECEC



VICTORIA ENTERS STEP 2

Oct 5, all children allowed to return to ECEC



EASING OF ACTIVITY TEST ENDS

April 4