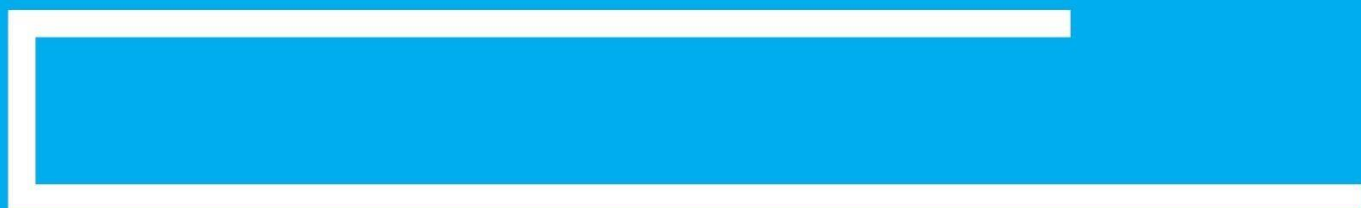


4-Year-Old Kindergarten Priority of Access



Department of Education – High Priority Criteria*

High priority children	Process that could be used to verify need(s)
Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in out-of-home care	<p>The child is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eligible for ESK or AEL, and/or • family, carer, or legal guardian identifies the child as known to Child Protection or in out-of-home care, and/or • referred by one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection • Child and family services (family services referral and support team, Child FIRST/integrated family services/Services Connect case worker) • Maternal and Child Health nurse, or • Out-of-Home Care provider.
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	As part of the enrolment process, service providers must respectfully ask families ‘do you identify your child as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?’ and record this information in KIMS.
Asylum seeker and refugee children	<p>Child or family holds a visa or supporting documentation and information, including an ImmiCard, identifying the child and/or parents, carers or legal guardians as a refugee or asylum seeker, and/or</p> <p>Referred as a refugee or asylum seeker by a CALD outreach worker.</p>
Children that meet the eligibility criteria for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy	<p>A child or parent holds a Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran’s Affairs Card, and/or</p> <p>The child is identified on their birth certificate as one of a set of triplets, quadruplets or more.</p>
<p>Children with additional needs, defined as children who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with an identified specific disability or developmental delay. • who require additional assistance to fully participate in the kindergarten program. • who require a combination of services which are individually planned. 	<p>The child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds a Child Disability Health Care Card and/or • has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support (KIS) program, and/or • has been referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the National Disability Insurance Scheme • Early Childhood Intervention Service • Preschool Field Officer • Maternal and Child Health Nurse • Is assessed as having delays in two or more areas and is declared eligible for a second year of funded Four-Year-Old Kindergarten.

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Local Criteria

Children who meet the following criteria will be given priority after children who meet the Department of Education high priority criteria.

- Resident/Ratepayer of Hobsons Bay – parents/ guardians who live in Hobsons Bay.
- The service of first preference is the closest in proximity to the parent/guardian residence within the City of Hobsons Bay.
- Non-resident children attending formal or informal care in Hobsons Bay, minimum of 2 days per week (family to provide evidence).
- Non-resident parent or guardian working or studying in Hobson Bay minimum of 2 days per week. (Family to provide evidence).
- Children who have attended a three-year-old kindergarten program or an educational program at the service of first preference in the previous year.
- Children who have a sibling who previously attended the service of first preference within the previous 2 years.

While Hobsons Bay City Council will adhere to these priorities in relation to kindergarten registrations it may, at its discretion, make modifications to the procedures where extenuating circumstances apply.
