



Government
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Department for Education
and Child Development

Early entry to preschool for children under the Guardianship of the Minister for Education and Child Development

Starting preschool

Preschool is an important early step on your child's journey through education, giving them the chance to play, learn, grow and develop.

There will soon be a change to when children start preschool. These changes will be gradually introduced in 2013.

From 2014, South Australia will have the same first day of preschool for all children. This will be the first day of term one.

But your child or the child in your care may be able to go to preschool earlier.

Children who are under the Guardianship of the Minister for Education and Child Development are entitled to four sessions at preschool a week once they turn three.

This means that your child or the child you care for can start preschool after they are three. This might mean they don't start preschool at the beginning of the school year.

Talk to your Preschool Director or School Principal to work out together the best time for your child to start. The Department for Education and Child Development will also be able to help you with more information.

For more information

Visit your local early childhood service, school or the Department for Education and Child Development, Early Years website at <http://www.earlyyears.sa.edu.au/>

To ask a specific question phone 8207 2494 or email decdfirstday@sa.gov.au

Year of birth	Child's birthday	Can start preschool
2009	Prior to 29 January	Term 1, 2013
	From 29 January to 30 April	Term 2, 2013
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2014
2010	from 1 January to 30 April	Term 1 2014
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2015
2011	from 1 January to 30 April	Term 1 2015
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2016

