



**INDEPENDENT EDUCATION UNION OF AUSTRALIA – QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH**



# MEDIA BACKGROUND

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## TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXISTING DECKAS-FUNDED KINDERGARTEN SERVICES

	Action for 2011	Action for 2012
Real funding guarantee	At a minimum, services will receive funding in 2011 at the 2010 DECKAS level (which includes the 4% increase from July 2010). Indexation will also apply from July 2011, based on CPI and wages growth as determined by Queensland Treasury. Services eligible for more funding under the new Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme will receive the higher level of funding according to their eligibility.	Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme to apply.
Program duration for full time services	Services to offer the kindergarten program for at least 13 hours and 45 minutes per week, 40 weeks per year.	Services to offer the kindergarten program for at least 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year.
Program duration for small, part-time regional services	Small, part-time regional services to offer a program for at least 11 hours per week for 40 weeks or maintain their existing hours, whichever is the greatest.	These services to be funded under the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme or other arrangements that recognise the unique circumstances of service provision in small communities.
Age of children	Services to prioritise and maximise enrolments of kindy-age children (children who are 4 years old by 30 June 2011). Pre-kindy aged children can be enrolled when residual vacancies exist.	Subsidies under the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme to only apply to kindy- age children.
Central Governing Body (CGB)	Services to have formalised their membership of a CGB by 30 June 2011.	Continued membership with a CGB.
DECKAS-funded services eligible to collect Child Care Benefit on behalf of parents (i.e. long day care services)	The real funding guarantee to apply (see above).	Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme to apply, which applies a differential standard subsidy according to type of service (i.e. long day care or kindergarten service).
Curriculum/ education program	Services may continue to base their educational program on C&K's <i>Building Waterfalls</i> curriculum or alternatively implement the new <i>Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline</i> .	Services will be required to implement the <i>Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline</i> or an education program accredited by the Queensland Studies

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Funding for children with a disability	Services to continue to access existing support programs, for example, the Non-State Organisations (NSO) funding and Education Queensland's Early Childhood Development Program.	Future arrangements to be confirmed.
Delayed entry and exit to the kindergarten program.	Service to continue to implement the existing process for families seeking enrolment in 2011.	Future arrangements to be confirmed.
Teacher qualifications	Teachers currently employed in services are deemed to comply with the teacher qualification requirements for delivering the kindergarten program in Queensland. Staff recruited to existing services in 2011 will need to meet the teacher qualification requirements.	Qualification requirements of the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme to apply.

Note. Indexation will comprise a composite of 75% of the forecast Wage Price Index and 25% of the forecast Consumer Price Index (CPI) as determined by Queensland Treasury

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