



Disability Inclusion Support for Queensland Kindergartens

The Queensland and Australian Governments are committed to ensuring all kindergarten aged children have access to a quality early childhood education program in the year before school.

The Disability Inclusion Support for Queensland Kindergartens (DISQK) assists approved kindergarten program providers to support the inclusion of children with diagnosed or suspected disability.

Eligibility

To be eligible for DISQK:

- the **kindergarten** must be: an approved program or a legacy-funded service; and a member service of one of five organisations approved by the Department of Education and Training (the department) as a Central Governing body (CGBs). The department will verify the kindergarten service's status as an approved program provider.

the **child** must be:

- kindergarten-eligible age (at least 4 years old by 30 June 2018) or approved for delayed entry/exit; and
- enrolled in a kindergarten service that is legacy-funded or providing an approved kindergarten program; and
- diagnosed or have a suspected disability with supporting evidence from a recognised specialist in one or more of the six recognised disability categories or be taking part in an Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP).



The six recognised disability categories are:

Impairment

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Physical Impairment (PI)
- Hearing Impairment (HI)
- Speech-Language Impairment (SLI)
- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Vision Impairment (VI)

NOTE: Medical conditions, social/emotional disorders and sensory processing (outside a suspicion of Autism Spectrum Disorder) are not recognised for the purposes of DISQK funding.

If a child is attending an ECDP or you are unsure of eligibility, please contact the department prior to submitting an application.

Amounts

Application amounts are decided by the kindergarten through a self-validated assessment of the support required to enable the child to take part in the kindergarten program.

The 2018 funding levels are:

- **Primary:** support for universal access – **\$2,000**
- **Targeted:** support to maximise program participation and self-management – **\$5,000**
- **Intensive:** support to facilitate engagement in the program – **\$8,000**.

Additional funding requests regarding **exceptional circumstances** for children with complex and multiple disability, beyond the evidenced intensive funding level, will be considered on a case by case basis only and will be limited by overall program funding availability. Receipt of intensive level funding does not guarantee additional funding will be available. To receive further information regarding this

process, please contact the DISQK team on (07) 3328 6720 or email disability.inclusionsupport@det.qld.gov.au.

Note: Funding provided under DISQK represents a **financial contribution** to the overall costs associated with facilitating the child's participation in the kindergarten program.

How to apply

Kindergarten services must apply for DISQK through QGrants, an online portal that enables organisations to apply for and manage selected Queensland Government grants. The department will be using QGrants to manage all departmental grants, including one-off and recurrent payments.

Applications open: 22 January 2018

Applications close: 30 September 2018

To register and lodge a grant application, visit the QGrants webpage: det.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/service-providers/grants/qgrants

More Information

- visit det.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/service-providers/grants/disability-grant
- phone the DISQK team on (07) 3328 6720 / 3328 6727
- email disability.inclusionsupport@det.qld.gov.au

