

Start Strong for Long Day Care Program 2024 Financial Accountability Statement

Approved Provider	Example LDC
Funding Specification	Example - SSL

Part 1 (A): 2024 4YO+ Fee Relief Payment

The NSW Government provided fee relief to families as part of 2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care program. The Fee Relief Payment aims to reduce the cost of early childhood education and care to families and provide services with sustainable long-term funding to deliver affordable quality preschool education to eligible **children aged 4 and above enrolled in eligible long day care services in NSW**.

INCOME	Amount (\$) Ex GST
2024 4YO+ Fee Relief Payment (for children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2024)	\$42,200.00
Reserved Funds (must be calculated before proceeding) The Reserve Fee Relief amount can be determined by calculating the difference between funding provided and the actual number of families accessing fee relief at your service. Please read Section 3 of the Financial Accountability Return Guide for further information. Where service's current enrolments are less than what is funded e.g. if enrolments ineligible for fee relief, or if a family declares they will not claim fee relief from their service, the fee relief funding must be reserved (Reserved Funds). See the two Examples under the hover icon for assistance. This amount should not be included in Funding Used to Reduce Fees/Expenditure section below.	\$4,220.00
TOTAL ADJUSTED INCOME	\$37,980.00

Note: Funding must be used to reduce fees and charges in accordance with [Section 4.3 4YO+ Fee Relief Payment Spending Rules](#) of the [2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#).

FUNDING USED TO REDUCE FEES / EXPENDITURE	
1. Amount of 4YO+ Fee Relief Payment applied firstly as a weekly reduction to a family's session fee or gap fee (after the Child Care Subsidy has been applied) allocated across the total service operating weeks for the 2024 calendar year.	\$36,872.00
Expenditure of remaining 4YO+ Surplus Fee Relief Funds (after weekly fees were reduced as above):	
2. Remaining 4YO+ Fee Relief Payment must first be used in 2024 to cover any additional charges imposed on eligible 4YO+ children, such as levies. 3. Remaining Surplus Funds may then be used to reduce the fees for 4YO+ children at the discretion of the service, for example children of families with greatest need 4. Remaining Surplus Funds from the 4YO+ Fee Relief Payment may be used to further reduce the fees for children already accessing fee relief at the service, or to reduce fees for *children whose families did not nominate the service on the declaration and consent form. *Note: A declaration form must be obtained for these children.	\$1,108.00
TOTAL FUNDING USED TO REDUCE FEES/EXPENDITURE	\$37,980.00
4YO+ FEE RELIEF BALANCE (SURPLUS OR DEFICIT)	\$0,00.00

Note: For services that received 2023 4YO+ Fee Relief Adjustment amounts in 2024, please don't include the amounts in Funding used to reduce fees/expenditure section above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURPLUS FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER COMMENTS ON HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT

The service had two less enrolments than we were funded for

Surplus funds were used to reduce fees for *children whose families did not nominate the service on the declaration and consent form

Part 1 (B): 2024 3YO Fee Relief Trial Payment

The NSW Government provided fee relief to families from 2024 as part of 2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care program. The Fee Relief Payment aims to reduce the cost of early childhood education and care to families and provide services with sustainable long-term funding to deliver affordable quality preschool education to eligible **children aged 3 years, and not yet 4 years old**, on or before 31 July 2024 and enrolled in eligible long day care services in NSW.

INCOME	Amount (\$) Ex GST
2024 3YO Fee Relief Trial Payment (for children aged at least 3 years old on or before 31 July 2024)	\$5,000.00
Reserved Funds (must be calculated before proceeding) The Reserve Fee Relief amount can be determined by calculating the difference between funding provided and the actual number of families accessing fee relief at your service. Please read Section 3 of the Financial Accountability Return Guide for further information. Where service's current enrolments are less than what is funded e.g. if enrolments ineligible for fee relief, or if a family declares they will not claim fee relief from their service, the fee relief funding must be reserved (Reserved Funds). See the Two Examples under the hover icon for assistance. This amount should not be included in Funding Used to Reduce Fees/Expenditure section below.	\$1,000.00
TOTAL ADJUSTED INCOME	\$4,000.00

Note: Funding must be used to reduce fees and charges in accordance with [Section 4.3 3YO Fee Relief Trial Payment Spending Rules](#) of the [2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#).

FUNDING USED TO REDUCE FEES / EXPENDITURE	
1. Amount of 3YO Fee Relief Trial Payment applied firstly as a weekly reduction to a family's session fee or gap fee (after the Child Care Subsidy has been applied) allocated across the total service operating weeks for the 2024 calendar year.	\$3,595.00
Expenditure of remaining 3YO Trial Surplus Fee Relief Funds (after weekly fees were reduced as above):	
2. Remaining 3YO Fee Relief Trial Payment funding must first be used in 2024 to cover any additional charges imposed on eligible 3YO children, such as levies. 3. Remaining Surplus Funds may then be used to reduce the fees for 3YO children at the discretion of the service, for example children of families with greatest need 4. Remaining Surplus Funds from the 3YO Fee Relief Trial Payment used to further reduce the fees for children already accessing fee relief at the service, or to reduce the fees for *children whose families did not nominate the service on the declaration and consent form. *Note: A declaration form must be obtained for these children.	\$405.00
TOTAL FUNDING USED TO REDUCE FEES/EXPENDITURE	\$4,000.00
3YO TRIAL FEE RELIEF BALANCE (SURPLUS OR DEFICIT)	\$0,00.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURPLUS FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER COMMENTS ON HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT

The service had two less enrolments than we were funded for

Fee Relief Declarations

☒ I declare that signed declaration and consent forms were received from the parent/carer/guardian for each eligible child enrolled at the service as per Section 5.1 Declaration and consent forms of the 2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines.

☒ I declare that Fee Relief Payment has been passed on to families in accordance with Section 4.3 4YO+ Fee Relief Payment and 3 YO Fee Relief Trial Payment spending rules of the 2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines.

Part 2 (A): 2024 4YO+ Program Payment

2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Payment funding supports enrolments of at least 600 hours in the two years before school in a quality early childhood education program. Program Payment funding should be expended for the purposes listed in [Section 4.2 Program Payment Spending Rules](#) which aim to benefit **children aged 4 and above in 2024**.

INCOME	Amount (\$) Ex GST
2024 4YO+ Program Payment	\$32,350.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$32,350.00

Note: Expenditure must be in accordance with the [Section 4.2 Program Payment Spending Rules](#) of the [2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#) and can be a combination of the line items below.

See also [Appendix 2 – Spending rules](#) activities for more detailed information.

EXPENDITURE	Amount (\$) Ex GST
Pay salary and wages for early childhood teachers and educators delivering the quality early childhood education program.	\$18,000.00
Purchase functional or educational resources (excluding capital works projects such as renovations and repairs to existing buildings or premises)	\$2,500.00
Develop a quality early childhood education program based on the Early Years Learning Framework , including associated staffing costs.	\$3,200.00
Support capability uplift of early childhood teachers and educators through professional development and further study, including associated staffing costs.	\$3,750.00
Attract and retain early childhood teachers and educators.	\$1,800.00
Wellbeing supports for early childhood teachers and early childhood educators.	\$1,650.00
Reduce non-fee related barriers that families face when accessing quality early childhood education programs provided by long day care services.	\$1,450.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$32,350.00
4YO+ PROGRAM PAYMENT BALANCE (SURPLUS OR DEFICIT)	\$0,00.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURPLUS FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER COMMENTS ON HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT

Program payments were used towards Salary Purchase of educational resources Support capability uplift of staff
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Part 2 (B): 2024 3YO Program Trial Payment

The 2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care 3 year old trial (3YO Trial) is linked to the broader 2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care program and will improve the provision of quality early childhood education to 3 year old children attending long day care (LDC) services. The full amount of 3YO Program Trial Payment funding should be expended for those purposes and targeted to benefit **children aged 3 in 2024**.

INCOME	Amount (\$) Ex GST
2024 3YO Program Trial Payment	\$7,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,000.00

Note: Expenditure must be in accordance with the [Section 4.2 Program Payment Spending Rules](#) of the [2024 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#) and can be a combination of the line items below.

EXPENDITURE	Amount (\$) Ex GST
Pay salary and wages for early childhood teachers and educators delivering the quality early childhood education program.	\$1,030.00
Purchase functional or educational resources (excluding capital works projects such as renovations and repairs to existing buildings or premises).	\$970.00
Develop a quality early childhood education program based on the Early Years Learning Framework , including associated staffing costs.	\$1,050.00
Support capability uplift of early childhood teachers and educators through professional development and further study, including associated staffing costs.	\$900.00
Attract and retain early childhood teachers and educators.	\$1,100.00
Wellbeing supports for early childhood teachers and early childhood educators.	\$1,250.00
Reduce non-fee related barriers that families face when accessing quality preschool programs provided by long day care services.	\$700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$7,000.00
3YO TRIAL PROGRAM PAYMENT BALANCE (SURPLUS OR DEFICIT)	\$0.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURPLUS FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER COMMENTS ON HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT

Program payments were used towards Salary Purchase of educational resources Support capability uplift of staff
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I acknowledge that I have completed all the financial accountability statement requirements as detailed, which are by virtue of this statement to be contractually binding upon our organisation.

By submitting this financial accountability statement, I am confirming that all funds have been spent in line with the Funding Agreement (Terms and Conditions and Program Guidelines).

I acknowledge that I have completed the Funding Surplus Overview and Declaration if it applies to our organisation. I acknowledge that any unspent funds are to be returned to the department in line with the Funding Agreement. Documentation to support expenditure in the financial accountability statement is retained by the service.

I am aware that the department may undertake an audit of the service in relation to these funds and may request that supporting documentation be provided by the service.

Submitted By:

Date: