



Education

# Preschool Disability Support Program

## Child Focused Targeted Support applications for 2016

### Q1. When will the PDSP Child Focused Targeted Support applications open for 2016?

Main round applications will open on 12 October 2015 through the PDSP portal and close on Friday 6 November 2015.

The portal will open for the **second** round on 25 April 2016 and will close on 20 May 2016.

This second round will allow preschools to submit applications for any child who has been assessed as having a disability, who starts at a preschool in 2016 and for whom an application was not submitted in the first 2016 main round.

### Q2. When does the PDSP Child Focused Targeted Support application portal close for 2015?

Applications for 2015 CFTS funding will close on Friday 9 October 2015.

### Q3. Will this impact currently funded children?

No. All children who have been approved for CFTS funding in 2015 will be funded until the end of 2015 unless they leave the preschool.

### Q4. If children at a preschool are already receiving PDSP funding in 2015, does the preschool need to reapply for those children in 2016?

Yes. All children are funded on an annual basis. For a child to be funded in 2016, an application must be submitted in either the October 2015 or April 2016 application period. The same supporting documentation from the relevant professional that was used for the 2015 application can be used.

The child does not need to be reassessed by a diagnosing professional. This will allow the program manager, Northcott, to assess every application and fund support for each child based on need.

### Q5. What documents will be required for the PDSP Child Focused Targeted Support application?

Each application will require a copy of the most recent and relevant assessment, or letter from a relevant professional outlining the child's disability, or disabilities, and additional support that may be required. Documentation must be on letterhead and signed by the relevant professional. For electronic documentation, the signature block must include the relevant professional qualification.

### Q6. What support will preschools get?

Preschools will receive on-going communication, telephone and email support throughout the year from Northcott to assist with the CFTS application process. Northcott will be providing on-going training sessions about the program throughout 2016. In the event that preschools request assistance, they can contact Northcott if they feel there is a need for onsite assistance to establish the level of support a child needs in the preschool.

### Q7. Will preschools receive the Universal Disability Loading in 2016?

Yes. Preschools will receive two Universal Disability Loading (UDL) payments for 2016. These payments will be made in December 2015 and July 2016. The UDL funding rate is based on a per child rate and assessed on the total enrolments of children eligible for funding under the Preschool Funding Model (PFM). The UDL allocation received by preschools is determined by the number of 3, 4 and 5 year old children enrolled at the service.

## Further information

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