**Priority of Access under the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package**

Under the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package services must prioritise access for children of essential workers, vulnerable and disadvantaged children and children unenrolled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The CCS Hotline has advised the test for disadvantaged and vulnerable children is the same as that for ACCS (Child Wellbeing).

Use the following checklist to help prioritise children

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| **Disadvantaged and vulnerable children** | Yes | No |
| Is the child at risk of, or experiencing,serious abuse or neglect: |  |  |
| * serious physical, emotional or psychological abuse,
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| * sexual abuse
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| * domestic or family violence
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| * neglect (failure to be provided with the basic needs that are essential for the child’s physical and emotional wellbeing).
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| Is the child at risk because (of): |  |  |
| * the income of the individual or individuals who have care of the child
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| * the ethnic, cultural, religious or racial background of the child or the child's immediate family
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| * the geographical location in which the child and the child's immediate family resides
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| * the child's place of residence is statistically an area of socio-economic disadvantage
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| * the child has a disability
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| * the child is in a foster care or kinship arrangement
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| **Essential workers** |  |  |
| Are the child’s parents working and unable to care for the child at home? |  |  |
| **Re-enrolments** |  |  |
| Are you re-enrolling a child that was withdrawn due to the coronavirus pandemic? |  |  |

Source: Fact Sheet [Evidence Requirements to Support an Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing) application](https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/evidence_requirements_to_support_an_additional_child_care_subsidy_child_wellbeing_application_0.pdf) or [Guide to the ACCS](https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2019-11-28_-_accs_guide_0.pdf) or [Child Care Subsidy Minster’s Rules 2017](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020C00254)