



Government  
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Department for Education  
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# Entry to preschool for children who will attend designated rural preschools

## Starting preschool

Preschool is an important early step on your child's journey through education, giving them the chance to play, learn, grow and develop.

There will soon be a change to when children start preschool. These changes will be gradually introduced in 2013.

From 2014, South Australia will have the same first day of preschool for all children. This will be the first day of term one.

The same first day of preschool means that every child will have four terms of preschool and then four terms of reception when they go to school.

Your child will receive the same amount of hours of preschool, but they will be condensed into four terms, rather than spread over six terms.

This will mean a more stable environment for children with fewer changes to groups throughout the year.

This will ensure that your child is able to access their full entitlement to preschool in the year before school.

## For more information

Visit your local early childhood service, school or the Department for Education and Child Development, Early Years website at <http://www.earlyyears.sa.edu.au/>

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Year of birth	Child's birthday	Can start preschool
2009	Prior to 29 January	Term 1, 2013
	From 29 January to 30 April	Term 2, 2013
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2014
2010	from 1 January to 30 April	Term 1 2014
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2015
2011	from 1 January to 30 April	Term 1 2015
	from 1 May to 31 December	Term 1 2016

