

In South Australia the majority of children enrolled in a preschool will reside within the catchment area of the preschool. Acceptance into a particular preschool is subject to the preschool's capacity and available resources. Priority consideration will be given to children residing within the preschool's local catchment area.

A child in care is able to access and enrol at any government preschool (refer to [section 1.3.3](#)).

Applications from local families

If more registrations of interest for a preschool are received from families living in the catchment area than available places, places will be offered based on whether one or more of the following criteria applies:

- the child has siblings currently enrolled in the school or service
- the child has previously been in care
- the child identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- special consideration placement (refer to [section 1.3.6](#)) the family currently attends programs at the service
- the length of time the child has lived in the preschool catchment area
- distance of the child's residence from the preschool (kms by road).

Applications from non-local families

Early childhood leaders in consultation with site leaders will identify available preschool options within the partnership to accommodate all children unplaced after the first round of enrolment offers.

A child who has been unable to be offered a place within their local preschool and is directed by the partnership to a nearby preschool must be prioritised for placement over other non-local families. In circumstances where the preschool has reserved places, a reserved place is to be offered.

If the preschool has places available after enrolling local children, children in care and families referred by the partnership, places may be offered to children living outside of the preschool catchment area.

When more registrations of interest for preschool are received from families living outside of the catchment area than available places, places will be offered based on whether one or more of the following criteria applies:

- the child identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- the child has siblings enrolled in a local school
- the distance of the child's residence from the preschool
- the family currently attends programs at the service
- transportation needs
- special consideration placement (refer to [section 1.3.6](#)).