

Early Childhood Teacher Scholarships 2012

Applicant Guide

This guide outlines the application process for the *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarships* being offered for studies commencing in Semester 1, 2012.

**CLOSING DATE
Friday 12 August 2011**

Early Childhood Teacher Scholarships

The Department of Education and Training is offering scholarships to existing employees in long day care and kindergarten services who currently hold a minimum three (3) year university qualification to upgrade to an equivalent of a four (4) year early childhood teaching qualification so they can teach an approved kindergarten program.

Please refer to the [Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship Guidelines 2012](#) which provides detailed information regarding the scholarship, including:

- support provided to scholarship recipients;
- employer entitlements and responsibilities;
- study requirements and pathways; and
- scholarship conditions.

Scholarship Benefits

Recipients will receive a range of support directly related to their studies, including:

- payment of fees associated with enrolment in the study program (including course and student fees);
- study allowance of \$500 per semester to assist with the purchase of textbooks, computer and internet access and other costs associated with completing the study requirements;
- access to negotiated release time to attend professional experience where completion of practicum is required;
- access to professional networks and mentors to assist during the study period as well as membership in an email discussion list to facilitate communication with and between scholarship recipients; and
- eligibility for teacher registration in Queensland on successful completion of the study program.

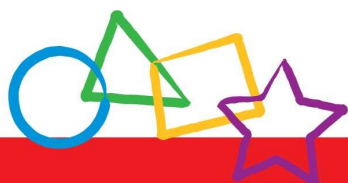
Employer Benefits

Skills and knowledge gained through the study program will benefit the employee as well as the centre in which they are currently employed.

Employers are required to support their employees who are successful in gaining a scholarship, including releasing the recipient to complete compulsory professional experience placements. Employers are able to seek reimbursement of 50% of the scholarship recipient's usual gross salary, paid by the employer during the period that the recipient participates in the approved professional experience.

Applicants for this scholarship are encouraged to provide their employer with a copy of the *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship Guidelines 2012* available on the department's website.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/teaching/early-childhood-scholarships.html>



Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for an *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship*, applicants must:

- currently be employed in a licensed centre-based long day care or kindergarten service;
- hold a minimum three (3) year university qualification and be eligible for entry into one of the identified scholarship study pathways;
- not currently registered or eligible for teacher registration with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT);
- not currently enrolled to study a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) or Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education;
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia; and
- have the support of their employer to undertake further study.

Eligible Study Pathways

Applications for this round of scholarships for studies commencing in Semester 1, 2012 are invited from individuals who currently hold one of the following qualifications:

Three (3) Year Pre-service Teacher Education Qualification (Pathway 1)

- Diploma of Teaching (Primary) Studies *(or equivalent)*
- Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) Studies *(or equivalent)*
- Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood) Studies *(or equivalent)* - (Birth to 8)
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) Studies *(or equivalent)* - (Birth to 8)

Three (3) Year Pre-service Teacher Education (Early Childhood) Qualification (Pathway 2)

- Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood) Studies *(or equivalent)* - (Birth to 8)
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) Studies *(or equivalent)* - (Birth to 8)

Three (3) Year Early Childhood Qualification (Pathway 3)

- Bachelor of Early Childhood *(or equivalent)*
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies *(or equivalent)*
- Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood) *(or equivalent)* - (Birth to 5)
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) Studies *(or equivalent)* - (Birth to 5)

Three (3) Year Non-Education Qualification (Pathway 4)

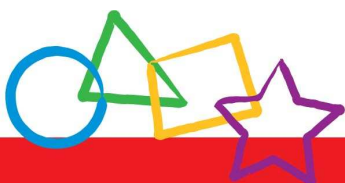
- Undergraduate Bachelor Degree (Qualification must include appropriate discipline content studies.)

Entry into the study programs is subject to university admission and enrolment procedures and guidelines and where appropriate, the granting of necessary exemptions for courses/units previously undertaken. Individual assessment of existing qualifications may need to be undertaken to confirm the appropriate pathway. Please refer to the *Study Pathways* on page 5 of the *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship Guidelines 2012*.

Study Requirements

Scholarship recipients are required to undertake an identified university study program part-time while maintaining employment in the early childhood and care sector (licensed centre-based long day care or kindergarten service).

The scholarship must be completed in two years of continuous part-time study (four semesters) and there may be a requirement for professional experience to be undertaken as part of the study program.



Application Process

Applicants must complete and submit the *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship Application Form* available from the department's website <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/teaching/early-childhood-scholarships.html>. Please ensure that all the required documentation is certified and provided to the department, including:

- proof of identification e.g. birth certificate, driver's licence and/or passport;
- proof of permanent residency if not an Australian or New Zealand citizen e.g. passport (including visa label), immigration letter or certificate of evidence of resident status (CERS);
- a Curriculum Vitae/Resume detailing current employment, employment history, current study and qualifications (maximum three pages); and
- certified copies of academic transcripts for current and completed study.

If any documents are in a previous name, please provide a certified copy of documentary evidence of the name change e.g. marriage certificate, deed poll.

An academic transcript is an official document issued by universities which states the name of the program and courses that were completed as well as the results of those courses. Transcripts must be certified as being true and correct copies of originals by either the issuing body, a Justice of the Peace or by those people who are qualified to accept a statutory declaration e.g. police, pharmacists, doctors and accountants.

The applicant's current employer or Centre Director is required to complete Section 8 and Section 9 of the *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship Application Form* to indicate their support for the scholarship application.

Lodging the Application

Applicants should ensure that all the required documents are provided by the closing date, as omissions may result in the application not being considered. Scholarship applications for studies commencing in Semester 1, 2012 must be submitted by **Friday 12 August 2011** to:

Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship
Workforce Initiatives, Human Resources
Department of Education and Training
PO Box 15033
CITY EAST QLD 4002

The application and any supplementary documentation for this scholarship will become the property of the department and will not be returned.

Selection Process

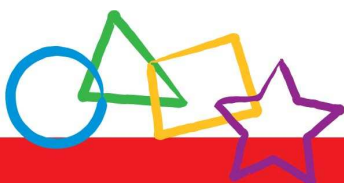
After the closing date, short-listing against the eligibility criteria will be undertaken by the department. Scholarships will be offered on a merit selection basis determined by the written application.

Scholarship Offers

Scholarship offers are made in writing; however, applicants may be notified of the outcome of their application by phone or email prior to receiving the written notification. Unsuccessful applications will also be notified in writing.

Should all available scholarships be awarded, applicants who are considered meritorious but not successful in the first round of offers will be placed on a reserve list. Should an applicant decline the offer, the scholarship may be offered to applicants placed on the reserve list in order of merit.

Scholarship offers for studies commencing in Semester 1, 2012 cannot be deferred.



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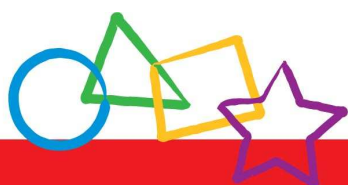
Key Dates

Key dates for *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarships* commencing in Semester 1, 2012 are as follows:

Key Dates	Activity
9 May 2011	Scholarship opens
13 June 2011	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
12 August 2011	Final date for receipt of applications
15-26 August 2011	Selection process undertaken
9 September 2011	Scholarships offered
30 September 2011	Due date for QTAC admissions for studies commencing at QUT
7 October 2011	Final date for receipt of written acceptance of scholarship offers
6 February 2012	Last day for admission to University of Southern Queensland
10 February 2012	Last day for course enrolment at University of Southern Queensland
27 February 2012	Studies commence for Semester 1, 2012

Further Information

Should you require further information or clarification about any aspect of the scholarship please refer to the *Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship Guidelines 2012* and the *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* available from the department's website <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/teaching/early-childhood-scholarships.html>.



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