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Enrolling your child in the Preparatory Year

The Preparatory (Prep) Year is the first year of school for your child. It is a non compulsory full-time program that runs five days per week, usually from 9am to 3pm each day. Your child is expected to attend full-time to get the most from the Prep Year.

Age is the only criterion for enrolment in the Prep Year for Queensland children. Your child must be five by 30 June in the year they enrol in Prep. To find out when your child is eligible to enrol in the Prep Year, see the table below.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Child born 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003	Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7
Child born 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004		Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Child born 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005			Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Child born 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006				Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Child born 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007					Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3
Child born 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008						Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2
Child born 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009							Prep	Yr 1
Child born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010								Prep

Contact the school for enrolment information. Please note that it is not a compulsory requirement for your child to complete the Prep Year prior to their enrolment in Year 1 as the Prep Year is not compulsory. Hence you can choose not to enrol your child in the Prep Year even if they are of Prep age. However, please be aware that compulsory schooling begins when your child turns 6 years and 6 months. This generally means that your child should be enrolled in Year 1 when they turn 6 years and 6 months.

Please also be aware that the Prep Year is designed for preparing children of appropriate age to commence compulsory schooling in the following year.



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Legislative provision for early entry to the Prep Year

If you are moving to Queensland from another State or country, it may be possible to enrol your child in the Prep Year **IF** the Principal in a non-State school or the Principal's supervisor for a state school is satisfied that the child:

1. had started education in another State or country that is equivalent to the Preparatory Year; **AND**
2. is ready for education in the Prep Year, having regard to the child's attributes including aptitude and ability, social and emotional competence, and physical development.

If your child meets **BOTH** criteria, you could apply for Early Entry to the Prep Year. You will need to provide evidence to support your application.

The legislation applies to **both** State and non-state schools. See *Parent Information Sheet – Early Entry to the Preparatory Year*

<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/students/smspr007/pieepy.doc>

Contact the school/Principal for more information about early entry to the Prep Year or Prep Year enrolment.

If your child is not ready or is too young for Prep

There is a range of early childhood education options available for children prior to the Prep Year. You can contact the Child Care Information Service of the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care on (07) 3224 4225. If you have access to the internet, visit their website at <http://www.education.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood>

The Crèche and Kindergarten Association (C&K) prioritise their services towards pre-preparatory programs for children between 3.5 and 4.5 years of age. You can contact them for information about the location and enrolment procedures for C&K kindergartens on (07) 3552 5333 or by email on info@candk.asn.au.