

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST FOR FAMILY DAY CARE SERVICES

The purpose of this form is to assist services to conduct a **preliminary and indicative** self-assessment of their potential eligibility against the eligibility criteria that will be applied to Family Day Care Community Support Programme (CSP) applicants from 1 July 2015. Your answers to the questions in this section can serve as an indicator of your FDC service's *possible* eligibility for Operational Support funding from 1 July 2015.

Please note that:

- Given that the indicative assessment of eligibility that services can generate from this self-assessment will be based on educator and service address data as at June 2014, this checklist cannot provide a conclusive appraisal of a service's eligibility for Operational Support funding.
- Your service's eligibility for Operational Support funding may change if there are changes to the FDC service market (i.e. if there are FDC services that have moved, closed down, and so forth since the tables were last updated, these market changes may impact on your service's eligibility).
- This checklist does not include all the criteria an FDC service must satisfy to be eligible for Operational Support funding.
- An assessment based on this checklist that your service has met some of the eligibility criteria is not a guarantee that your service is eligible for Operational Support funding, nor a guarantee that it will receive Operational Support funding.
- This self-assessment does not relate to eligibility for either Set Up Assistance or Regional Travel Assistance Grants.
- This is not an application form for funding.
- Explanations of the terms: ARIA+, Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage, Statistical Areas 2 and 3 are at the end of the checklist.
- You will need to refer to some tables detailing Family Day Care service locations to complete this form. You may wish to print these tables, which are at the weblinks in Q1, Q3, Q4 and Q5.
- If you have any questions about the checklist please email them to:
communitysupportprogramme@education.gov.au

While every effort has been made to ensure that the tables detailing Family Day Care service locations are current and accurate, there may have been changes to details such as the number of services and the location of services since the table was last updated. These changes could affect a service's eligibility for Operational Support funding.

Name of your service:

Physical address of the service:

Note: this will be the address of your (primary) coordination unit.

1. Is your service a Major City Service or a Regional/Remote Service?

The ARIA+ remoteness classification of all approved Family Day Care services is based on educator address data as reported to the department (see explanation at the end of this checklist for further details). To obtain your service's ARIA+ remoteness classification, please refer to the table: [Location of approved FDC Services](#)

My service is classified as a:

Major City Service

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Regional/Remote Service

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Major City Services

2. Where is your Major City service located?

The Department has geocoded each individual service's educator addresses to a Statistical Area 3, which is the unit of analysis for Major City areas as outlined in the programme guidelines. Please refer to the table [Location of approved FDC Services](#) to find out the SA3 location of your service.

Which SA3 is my service located in:

3. Is your Major City service the sole FDC provider in your location?

The Department has provided a consolidated list of all locations in Australia where approved FDC services are located. Please refer to the table [No. of Services within each SA3](#) to find out how many services are located in your SA3.

Yes – there is only one FDC service in my SA3

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No – there is more than one FDC service in my SA3

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If your service is not the sole FDC provider in your SA3, then it is likely that your service will be ineligible for Operational Support funding from 1 July 2015, based on the current location of your educators and educators from other services.

4. Is your Major City service providing care in an area of socioeconomic disadvantage?

The Department uses the Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) to determine whether an area is an area of socio-economic disadvantage. Please refer to the table [No. of Services within each SA3](#) to find out the IRSD of your SA3.

No ☐

If your Major City service is not located in an area of socioeconomic disadvantage, then it is likely that your service will be ineligible for Operational Support funding from 1 July 2015, based on the current location of your educators and educators from other services.

Yes ☐

If your Major City service is (a) the sole provider **and** (b) is located in an area of socioeconomic disadvantage, then it is probable that your service will be eligible for Operational Support funding from 1 July 2015, based on the current location of your educators and educators from other services. Note that your service will also have to satisfy the other criterion for Operational Support funding by providing evidence of demand for child care in the areas where care is being provided.

Regional/Remote Services

5. Where is your Regional/Remote Service located?

The Department has geocoded each individual service's educator addresses to a Statistical Area 2 (SA2) which is the unit of analysis for Regional/Remote areas as outlined in the programme guidelines. Please refer to the table [Location of approved FDC Services](#) to find out the SA2 location of your service.

Which SA2 is my service located in:	
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6. Is your Regional/Remote service the sole FDC provider in your location?

The Department has provided a consolidated list of all SA2 and SA3 locations in Australia where FDC services are located. Please refer to the table [No. of Services within each SA2](#) to find out how many services are located in your SA2.

Yes – there is only one FDC service in my SA2 ☐

If your service is the sole FDC provider in your SA2, then it is probable that your service will be eligible for Operational Support funding from 1 July 2015, based on the current location of your educators and educators from other services. Note that your service will also have to provide

evidence of unmet demand for child care in the areas where care is being provided in order to be eligible for Operational Support funding.

No – there is more than one FDC service in my SA2 ☐

If your service is not the sole FDC service in your SA2, then it is likely that your service will be ineligible for Operational Support funding from 1 July 2015, based on the current location of your educators and educators from other services.

Explanations

ARIA+ Remoteness Location

ARIA+ is the structure the Australian Bureau of Statistics uses to measure remoteness in Australia. The concept of remoteness is an important dimension of policy development. The provision of many government services is influenced by the typically long distances that people are required to travel outside the major metropolitan areas. ARIA+ provides a classification for the release of statistics that inform policy development by classifying Australia into large regions that share common characteristics of remoteness.

Statistical Areas

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) is the Australian Bureau of Statistics geographical framework. The ASGS splits Australia up into over 350,000 areas, called Mesh Blocks. These combine into larger and larger blocks from SA1 to SA4. The department uses the Statistical Area 2 (SA2) and Statistical Area 3 (SA3) for the purposes of the CSP eligibility criteria.

SA2s are *medium-sized* general purpose areas. There are 2214 SA2s covering the whole of Australia. SA3s are *region-sized* general purpose areas. There are 351 SA3s covering the whole of Australia.

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD)

The department uses, a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social resources of people and households within an area for the purposes of the CSP eligibility criteria.

Notes

Question 1 - Is your service a Major City Service or a Regional/Remote Service?

This has been determined based on the Statistical Area 2 (SA2) of the majority (51 per cent or more) of a service's educators' home addresses (or addresses of the locations where the educator provides care, if this is not at the educator's residence).

- If 51 per cent or more of a service's educators have addresses in a Major City SA2, the service is defined as a **Major City Service**.
- If 51 per cent or more of a service's educators have addresses in either Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote locations, the service is defined as a **Regional/Remote Service**.

Question 2 - In which SA3 is your Major City service located?

This has been determined based on:

- Where 51% or more of a service's educators provide care in a particular SA3, that SA3 has been taken as the location of the service.
- Where there is no clear majority in any particular SA3, the service's location is determined by:

- the SA3 of the service's coordination unit or
- for Major City services with a coordination unit located in a Regional/Remote SA2, the SA3 in which most (but not the clear majority) of its educators provide care.

Question 5 - In which SA2 is your Regional/Remote Service located?

This has been determined based on:

- Where 51% or more of a service's educators are located in a particular SA2, that SA2 has been taken as the location of the service.
- Where there is no clear majority in any particular SA2, the service's location is determined by the SA2 of its coordination unit.