## A path to universal early childhood education and care: Inquiry report [1]

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## Summary

This inquiry report examines the early childhood education and care (ECEC) sector, including: centre-based day care; preschools; family day care; outside school hours care; and in home care.

This report outlines what a universal ECEC system would look like, and the significant reforms necessary to achieve it. These reforms tackle issues that affect ECEC availability, inclusion, affordability, quality and equity.

The report's recommendations aim to remove barriers to ECEC access and support better outcomes for children and families.

The report was sent to Government on 28 June 2024 and publicly released on 18 September 2024.

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