

ACCS 2019 ELECTION POLICY SCORECARD

This scorecard rates the major parties against the ACCS federal election policy platform, based on election policy announcements and recent initiatives released up to 7 May 2019. See over the page for explanatory notes.

ACCS policy platform headline issues	ALP	Liberal National Coalition	Greens
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Partnership for the National Quality Framework is extended and adequately funded beyond 2020 	✗	✗	✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a skilled and professional early and middle childhood workforce – pay equity for educators; subsidised fees for upskilling to diploma and degree early childhood qualifications; stronger controls for early childhood courses and quality assurance of providers 	✓	✗	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and families experiencing vulnerability have two days per week of subsidised access - all children, including those of non-working parents, are eligible for subsidised early childhood education and care for at least 2 days per week – from a minimum of 18 hours up to 24 hours per week reflecting the operating hours of the service 	✓	✗	✓

LEGEND



Compatible with ACCS policy



Partially meets ACCS policy



Policies are not compatible with ACCS policy

ACCS 2019 ELECTION POLICY SCORECARD Explanatory Notes

The full detail of ACCS Election Policy Platform are available on the ACCS website www.ausccs.org.au

ALP (see

www.billshorten.com.au/better_pay_for_early_childhood_educators_sunday_28_april_2019

www.alp.org.au/media/1337/181003-preschools-and-kindy-program-fact-sheet.pdf)

- Fund a pay increase of 20% for early childhood educators over 8 years – supporting workers and delivering professional pay
- 10,000 fee free TAFE places
- Increase Child Care Subsidy to 85-100% of the hourly fee cap for families earning between \$70,000 and \$100,000pa and review the impact of CCS on vulnerable families
- National Preschool and Kindy Program – Commit permanent ongoing funding to the national preschool and kindy program for all four year olds and extend the program to cover all three year olds – commencing in 2021.

LIBERAL/NATIONAL COALITION (see www.liberal.org.au/our-policies and www.liberal.org.au/our-plan/families; no new early childhood policies have been released during the election campaign to date)

- Accessible, Affordable Child Care

The Government's new Child Care Subsidy is making child care more accessible and affordable for nearly 1 million families. A typical family is around \$1,300 better off a year. Our changes have reduced child care out of pocket costs for families by more than 10% within the first 6 months of the new Child Care Subsidy.

GREENS (see <https://greensmps.org.au/articles/greens-launch-plan-make-childcare-free-extend-early-childhood-education-three-year-olds>)

- Support Educators and Carers – by supporting United Voice “Big Steps” campaign for fair pay for early childhood educators, developing and implementing a workforce strategy to achieve professional pay and working conditions and make TAFE and university fees free
- Make Child Care Fee Free for Most Families – through abolishing the activity test for access to Child Care Subsidy, making child care fee free for families with a combined income of up to \$171,958
- Universal Early Childhood Education for Three and Four-Year-Olds – through extending universal access to early childhood education to 24 hours per week for all three and four-year-olds and extending the National Partnership Agreement for Universal Access to Early Childhood Education on an ongoing basis