

ACCS 2022 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 12 May 2022. See over the page for explanatory notes.

ACCS policy platform headline issues	Liberal National Coalition	ALP	Greens
1. Skilled and professional EARLY AND MIDDLE CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE	✓	✗	✓
2. Continue building QUALITY STANDARDS	✗	✗	✗
3. AT LEAST 2 DAYS PER WEEK of subsidised high quality early childhood education and care for all families	✗	✗	✗
4. FULLY SUBSIDISED ACCESS for children and families experiencing vulnerability for at least two days per week	✗	✗	✓
ACCS also advocates for:			
• Funded Universal Access to Early Childhood Education and Care for all 3 and 4 year old children in all settings	✓	✗	✗
• Universal Access under 3 year funding agreements	✓	✗	✗
• National planning framework	✗	✓	✓
• 95% of the fee covered by government for all families for at least two days per week	✓	✓	✗

LEGEND



Compatible with ACCS policy



Partially meets ACCS policy



Policies are not compatible with ACCS policy

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

ALP (see https://www.alp.org.au/policies/women_economic_recovery)

Cheaper child care for working families

Lift maximum subsidy rate to 90%

Extend the increased subsidy to outside school hours care

Productivity Commission to review the sector with the aim of a universal 90% subsidy for all families

Families with two or more children will continue to receive a higher subsidy rate for second and subsequent children and that they pledge to extend the increased subsidy to outside school hours care

The ALP plan to develop and implement a whole of government Early Years Strategy to create a new integrated approach to the early years and develop a program of action may address a national planning framework

LIBERAL/NATIONAL COALITION (see <https://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan-accessible-and-affordable-child-care>)

'Job Trainer' program to reduce training fees, ACECQA National Early Childhood Workforce Strategy

Current Government policy extends Universal Access funding to all settings under three year funding agreements

Promise up to 95% subsidy for second & subsequent children in ECEC but no guarantee of two days per week

GREENS (see <https://greens.org.au/policies/early-childhood-education-and-care>)

Increased pay rates and working conditions, professional development and professional standards (aspirational but no strategies provided)

Free child care for all families; increased access for First Nations families

Greater assistance for a national planning system

Also call for:

Funding for not-for-profit early childhood education and care facilities

Phasing out of private for-profit early childhood education and care operators to be replaced with not-for-profit providers