

FAQs on Enhanced Preschool Subsidies
(With effect from January 2020)

S/N	FAQ	Response
1.	What subsidies will be enhanced?	At the National Day Rally 2019, PM Lee announced that means-tested preschool subsidies will be enhanced to make preschools more affordable. The Government will raise the gross monthly household income ceiling for Additional Subsidy and Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) to \$12,000, or \$3,000 on Per Capita Income (PCI) basis. The Government will also increase the subsidy amounts across all income tiers qualifying for Additional Subsidy and KiFAS. These enhancements will take effect from January 2020. The eligibility criteria for these means-tested subsidies remain unchanged. Find out more here.
2.	Will the Basic Subsidy be enhanced?	No. The Basic Subsidy will not be enhanced. The enhancements apply only to Additional Subsidy and Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS).
3.	Who will be eligible for the enhanced preschool subsidies?	Apart from raising the household income ceiling to \$12,000 per month and increasing the subsidy amounts, the eligibility criteria for Additional Subsidy and Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) remain unchanged. You may refer to the FAQs for Child Care Centres and the FAQs for Kindergartens for more information on the eligibility criteria.
4.	Is the enhanced Additional Subsidy applicable to infants/children enrolled in any infant/child care centre?	Yes. The eligibility criteria for Additional Subsidy remain unchanged and will continue to be applicable to all eligible Singaporean infants/children enrolled in any infant/child care centres licensed under the Early Childhood Development Centres Act.

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5.	Is the enhanced Kindergarten Fee Assistance Scheme (KiFAS) applicable <u>only</u> to children enrolled in kindergartens operated by Anchor Operators (AOPs) and the Ministry of Education (MOE)?	<p>Yes. The eligibility criteria for KiFAS remain unchanged and will continue to be applicable to all eligible Singaporean children enrolled in an ECDA-licensed <u>kindergartens operated by AOPs and MOE</u>.</p> <p>From 2021, the enhanced KiFAS will also apply to a small number of good quality kindergartens (private or not-for-profit) that are appointed on the Partner Operator scheme.</p>
6.	When will the enhanced preschool subsidies take effect?	<p>The enhanced preschool subsidies will take effect from January 2020.</p>
7.	What do preschools and parents need to do to receive the enhanced subsidies?	<p>ECDA will be working with preschools to reach out to parents. Parents can expect to be contacted by their preschools in 4Q2019.</p> <p>ECDA will also be conducting a series of briefings for preschool administrators in 4Q2019 on the implementation details of these enhancements.</p>