**Kindergarten funding**

The Queensland Government provides a range of subsidies to approved Kindergarten program providers through the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) to reduce the out of pocket expenses for families.

**Additional funding – SEIFA**

The low socio-economic subsidy is based on the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) which provides a SEIFA rating for each service. If services are eligible this subsidy is to be used by services to reduce the out of pocket expenses for all families with eligible children participating in the kindergarten program (four years old by 30th June).

**Additional funding – QKFS PLUS**

QKFS Plus Kindy Support provides additional support to eligible families to help them access low cost Kindergarten programs. QKFS Plus Kindy Support is claimed by the service on behalf of eligible families for their Kindergarten child (child turning 4 years of age by 30th June of year of Kindergarten).

QKFS Plus Kindy Support can reduce costs for families accessing an approved Kindergarten program.

**Eligibility for QKFS plus**

To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must meet one of the criteria below:

·Health Care Card

The family, or the child, must present one of the following:

(only available if provided prior to conclusion of each term)

1. A current Australian Government Health Care Cared (HCC). The HCC should be sighted each term and a copy kept by the service. The HCC must name the enrolled child, whether it is the child’s own card or belonging to their parent/guardian; or
2. Current Australian Government Pensioner Concession Card (automatic HCC entitlements); or
3. Department of Veterans’ Affairs Gold Card or White Card; or
4. Formal communication, such as a letter, from the relevant agency stating the intent to issue a HCC.

·Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

The child identifies as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the family chooses to identify them as such on their enrolment form.

·Multiple Births

The family has three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year. QKFS Plus Kindy Support is available for each child enrolled in a program.