

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION NO. 3 OF 2019  
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**RELEASE OF LIST OF PRESCHOOL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO THE AUSTRALIAN AND STATE AND  
TERRITORY EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 14 of the *Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018*, made under Section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released a list of business characteristics, the details of which are as follows:

The ABS has disclosed a list of 11,695 businesses (or 11,831 including those without Early Childhood Education programs) operating preschool programs in Australia, taken from the ABS 2018 National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection, to the following departments:

- Australian Government Department of Education and Training;
- New South Wales Department of Education;
- Victorian Department of Education and Training;
- Queensland Department of Education;
- South Australian Department for Education;
- Western Australian Department of Education;
- Tasmanian Department of Education;
- Northern Territory Department of Education; and
- Australian Capital Territory Education Directorate.

The list will be used by the departments for the purpose of achieving the outcomes and specified objectives of the National Information Agreement on Early Childhood Education and Care (NIA ECEC). The NIA ECEC aims to ensure the availability of a nationally consistent, quality information base for early childhood education and care, to support policy and program developments, and reporting and accountability requirements. The ABS has released the list annually since 2011.

For each business in the list, the ABS provides:

- business name and address;
- management type;
- service type; and
- state/territory.

The departments have provided the ABS with a signed undertaking that they, and their contractors and subcontractors, will:

- a. Use the list specified in the Schedule to this Undertaking only for the purpose as specified in the Schedule;

- b. Not release the list or any part of the list to another person or organisation, other than individuals or organisations specified in the Schedule to this Undertaking, or as approved by the Statistician;
- c. Appoint a contact officer who will manage the processes for individuals within the Education departments to request access to the list release; and will circulate information to individuals within the Education departments who are granted approval by the Statistician to access the list;
- d. Ensure that the Education departments and every person employed by the Education departments who has access to the list provides the Statistician with a relevant Undertaking prior to accessing the list, if requested by the Statistician;
- e. For the purpose of conducting a compliance audit concerning observance of the terms and conditions under which the list is disclosed allow ABS officers access to necessary documents and information; and
- f. Return or destroy all copies of the list supplied to the Education departments after the completion of work or services.



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