

ECE Funding Key Dates 2025

This document provides key funding dates for early learning services for 2025.

Day and Date	ID	Description
Wednesday, 1 January	SH	New Year's Day
Thursday, 2 January	SH	Day after New Year's Day
Friday, 3 January	-	Ministry of Education National Office reopens
Saturday, 1 February	RS7	March 2025 electronic RS7 submission period opens
Thursday, 6 February	SH	Waitangi Day Holiday
Monday, 10 February	RS7	Last submission day of March 2025 RS7s for 1 March payment
Mid-February	EQI	New services to be advised of Equity Index assessment results and services that requested reviews
Monday, 3 March	PMT	01 March 2025 ECE operational funding payment
Friday, 7 March	RS7	Last submission day of March 2025 RS7s for 20 March payment
Thursday, 20 March	PMT	20 March 2025 ECE operational funding payment
Friday, 18 April	SH	Good Friday
Monday, 21 April	SH	Easter Monday
Friday, 25 April	SH	ANZAC Day Holiday
Sunday, 1 June	RS7	July 2025 electronic RS7 submission period opens
Monday, 2 June	SH	King's Birthday
Monday, 9 June	RS7	Last submission day of July 2025 RS7s for 1 July payment
Mid-June	EQI	New services to be advised of Equity Index assessments
Friday, 20 June	SH	Matariki
Monday 23 – Sunday 29 June	-	Annual ECE Return dates
Monday, 30 June	FD	Financial declarations due for 2024 financial year
Tuesday, 1 July	PMT	01 July 2025 ECE operational funding payment
Tuesday, 8 July	RS7	Last submission day of July 2025 RS7s for 20 July payment
Monday, 21 July	PMT	20 July 2025 ECE operational funding payment
Wednesday, 1 October	RS7	November 2025 electronic RS7 submission period opens
Friday, 10 October	RS7	Last submission day of November 2025 RS7s for 1 November payment
Monday, 27 October	SH	Labour Day
Monday, 3 November	PMT	01 November 2025 ECE operational funding payment
Friday, 7 November	RS7	Last submission day of November 2025 RS7s for 20 November payment

Thursday, 20 November	PMT	20 November 2025 ECE operational funding payment
Thursday, 25 December	SH	Christmas Day
Friday, 26 December	SH	Boxing Day

Indicator	Description
RS7	RS7 Return funding
SH	Statutory Holiday – NB: services cannot claim SH in advance
EI	Equity Index for funding
PMT	Early Childhood operational funding payment
FD	Financial Declaration Collection

Further reminders on dates and important information will be advertised on the Ministry website: [Education.govt.nz](https://education.govt.nz) and in [He Pānui Kōhungahunga – the Early Learning Bulletin](#)