Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education

ECE Funding Key Dates 2027

This document provides key funding dates for early learning services for 2027.

Please note, there are now two submission due dates for each of the bulk subsidy payments. One for the paper based RS7 Return and one for the electronic RS7 Return.

Day and Date	ID	Description
Friday, 1 January	SH	New Year's Day
Monday, 4 January	SH	Day after New Year's Day Observed
Tuesday, 5 January	-	Ministry of Education National Office reopens
Monday, 1 February	RS7	March 2027 electronic RS7 submission period opens
Monday, 8 February	SH	Waitangi Day Observed Holiday
Tuesday, 9 February	RS7	Paper-based RS7 due date for 1 March payment
Friday, 12 February	RS7	Last submission day of March 2027 electronic RS7s for 1 March payment
Mid-February	EQI	New services to be advised of Equity Index assessment results and services that requested reviews
Monday, 1 March	PMT	**01 March 2027 ECE Operational Funding Payment**
Friday, 26 March	SH	Good Friday
Monday, 29 March	SH	Easter Monday
Monday, 26 April	SH	ANZAC Day Holiday Observed
Tuesday, 1 June	RS7	July 2027 electronic RS7 submission period opens
Monday, 7 June	SH	King's Birthday
Thursday 10 June	RS7	Paper-based RS7 due date for 1 July payment
Tuesday, 15 June	RS7	Last submission day of July 2027 electronic RS7s for 1 July payment
Mid-June	EQI	New services to be advised of Equity Index assessments
Monday 21 – Sunday 27 June	-	Annual ECE Return dates
Friday, 25 June	SH	Matariki
Wednesday, 30 June	FD	Financial declarations due for 2026 financial year
Thursday, 1 July	PMT	**01 July 2027 ECE Operational Funding Payment**
Friday, 1 October	RS7	November 2027 electronic RS7 submission period opens
Monday 11 October	RS7	Paper-based RS7 due date for 1 November payment
Thursday, 14 October	RS7	Last submission day of November 2027 electronic RS7s for 1 November payment
Monday, 25 October	SH	Labour Day
Monday, 1 November	PMT	**01 November 2027 ECE Operational Funding Payment**
Saturday, 25 December	SH	Christmas Day
Sunday, 26 December	SH	Boxing Day

Indicator	Description
RS7	RS7 Return funding
SH	Statutory Holiday – **NB:** services cannot claim SH in advance
EQI	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** and in **He Pānui Kōhungahunga – the Early Learning Bulletin**