

July 13, 2026

Dear Early Childhood Educator,

Subject: Updates to your ECE certificate and funding information in the ECE Portal

Starting July 16, 2026, the Government of Alberta is making improvements to the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Portal. These changes will give you easier access to information about your certificate and the funding claimed by your employer on your behalf.

Portal updates include enhancements to ECE certificates and a new funding section.

What's changing

ECE Certificate Enhancements

Your ECE certificate will now include:

- An updated design,
- A Quick Response (QR) code; and
- A unique verification code.

These features make it easier for employers to confirm your certification status using the Alberta ECE Lookup tool.

New funding information

You will be able to see funding claimed on your behalf, including:

- Wage top-up funding;
- Professional development funding; and,
- Release time funding.

The Portal will show your funding information retroactive to January 2026, in a rolling 12-month history, with a month-by-month breakdown of the type of funding and amount claimed on your behalf.

The funding section of ECE Portal will also display a record of your current and past employment history in the Alberta childcare sector, retroactive to January 2026.

Accessing the ECE Portal

As of **July 16, 2026**, you will have access to these new features in the Portal through applychildcarecertification.alberta.ca.

- If you applied for certification **online since May 2020**, sign in to your existing ECE Portal account.
- If you applied **before May 2020 using a paper application**, you will need to create an ECE Portal account and complete a short identity verification process to access your information.

What this means for you

These updates will make it easier for you to:

- view your current and historical certification and employment information, and
- access a complete picture of funding claimed by your employer on your behalf.

Please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for additional details and information. If you have questions about the ECE Portal or your certification, please contact the Child Care Staff Certification Office:

- Email: ECE.StaffCertification@gov.ab.ca
- Phone: 780-422-1119 or 1-800-661-9754
- Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Regards,



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Attachment: Early Childhood Educator Funding Display FAQ