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FUNDING SUPPORT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS

AND

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Government
of South Australia

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SCHEDULE AGREEMENT DETAILS

AGREEMENT dated

[insert date]

PARTIES

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS a body corporate by operation of the *Administrative Arrangements Act 1994* (SA) (**Minister**)

AND

THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT named in Item 1 of the Schedule (**Scholarship Recipient**)

BACKGROUND:

- A. The Office for Early Childhood Development (“**Office**”) is committed to amplifying opportunities for individuals to enter and thrive in the early childhood education and care field, fostering equality, building our workforce and enhancing the quality of care and education provided to children. As part of this commitment, the Office is facilitating the Qualify SA Scholarship Program (“**Scholarship Program**”) of funding support to increase the number of qualified educators and teachers in the 3-year-old preschool settings.
- B. The Office is providing financial assistance through the Scholarship Program to enable the Scholarship Recipient to undertake professional learning for early childhood qualifications.
- C. To assist in giving effect to this initiative the Office has engaged a Program Administrator to administer the Program, and facilitate the payment of Scholarship Funding to the Scholarship Recipient.
- D. The Scholarship Recipient has applied to receive, and the Minister has agreed to grant to the Scholarship Recipient Scholarship Funding for the Scholarship Program on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement, unless a contrary intention is apparent:

- 1.1 **Aboriginal Pathways Eligibility Criteria** means the criteria for the Aboriginal Pathways Financial Assistance specified in Item 10 of the Schedule;
- 1.2 **Aboriginal Pathways Financial Assistance** means the funding specified in Item 7 of the Schedule;
- 1.3 **Agreement** means this Agreement including any schedules and/or annexures;
- 1.4 **Business Day** means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a public holiday in Adelaide under the *Holidays Act 1910*;
- 1.5 **Census Date** means:
 - 1.5.1 in the case of a course being undertaken with a tertiary institution (teaching qualification), the date set by the Educational Institution as the last date the Scholarship Recipient can withdraw from the Subject they are enrolled to

- complete without incurring any financial liability or academic penalty (without affecting the Scholarship Recipient's grade);
- 1.5.2 in the case of a course being undertaken with a registered training organisation (educator qualification):
- (a) 31 March for Subjects commencing from Semester 1; or
 - (b) 31 August for Subjects commencing in Semester 2.
- 1.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive of the Office for Early Childhood Development;
- 1.7 **Course** means the course described in Item 3 of the Schedule;
- 1.8 **Course Completion Date** means the date on which the Scholarship Recipient has completed the requirements of the Course and such completion is on the records of the Educational Institution;
- 1.9 **Educational Institution** means the institution or organisation as set out in Item 4 of the Schedule;
- 1.10 **Eligible Education Setting** means Eligible Work at one of the following South Australian early childhood education and care service types:
- 1.10.1 long day care services providing a preschool program;
 - 1.10.2 sessional preschool provided by government preschools; or
 - 1.10.3 sessional preschool provided by non-government preschools.
- 1.11 **Eligible Work** means a teacher or educator role specifically working with 3-year-old children at an Eligible Education Setting;
- 1.12 **Eligible Work Commitment Period** means a period of 2 years fulltime equivalent;
- 1.13 **Expiry Date** means a date two years and six months from the Course Completion Date;
- 1.14 **Grow Your Own Allowance** means the funding specified in Item 7 of the Schedule;
- 1.15 **Grown Your Own Eligibility Criteria** means the criteria for the Grow Your Own Allowance set out in Item 9 of the Schedule;
- 1.16 **ICAC** means the South Australian Independent Commissioner against Corruption;
- 1.17 **Intake Year** means the semester and year as set out in Item 5 of the Schedule;
- 1.18 **Milestones** mean the milestones set out in Item 8 of the Schedule;
- 1.19 **Minister's Representative** has the meaning set out in clause 3;
- 1.20 **Office** means the Office for Early Childhood Development;
- 1.21 **Program Administrator** means the entity set out in Item 2 of the Schedule, or such other entity as notified in writing by the Minister;
- 1.22 **Program Administrator Representative** means the person as set out in Item 2 of the Schedule, or such other person as notified in writing from time to time by the Program Administrator;
- 1.23 **Purpose** means the purpose for which the Scholarship Recipient must use the Scholarship Funds as described at clause 6.3;
- 1.24 **SAPOL** means South Australia Police;
- 1.25 **Scholarship Funding** means the funding payable to the Scholarship Recipient by the Minister via the Program Administrator as set out in Item 7 of the Schedule, and includes the Grow Your Own Allowance, where relevant;

- 1.26 **Scholarship Program** means the Qualify SA in Early Childhood Scholarship Program established by the Office;
- 1.27 **Scholarship Program Completion Date** means the date by which the Scholarship Recipient must complete the Course as set out in Item 6 of the Schedule;
- 1.28 **Scholarship Recipient** means the party described in Item 1 of the Schedule;
- 1.29 **Subject** means the subjects, topics, units, programs and assessments required as part of the Course; and
- 1.30 **Term** means the period of this Agreement as determined in accordance with clause 4.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In this Agreement unless a contrary intention is apparent:
- 2.1.1 the clause headings are for convenient reference only and do not form part of this Agreement;
- 2.1.2 a reference to a clause number is a reference to all of its subclauses;
- 2.1.3 a reference to a clause, subclause or schedule is a reference to a clause, subclause or schedule of this Agreement;
- 2.1.4 a word in the singular includes the plural and a word in the plural includes the singular;
- 2.1.5 a word importing a gender includes any other gender;
- 2.1.6 a reference to a person includes a partnership and a body corporate;
- 2.1.7 a reference to a party includes that party's administrators, successors and permitted assigns;
- 2.1.8 a reference to legislation includes legislation repealing, replacing or amending that legislation;
- 2.1.9 a reference to dollars is a reference to Australian dollars; and
- 2.1.10 where a word or phrase is given a particular meaning other parts of speech or grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings.
- 2.2 In resolving inconsistencies in this Agreement:
- 2.2.1 the Agreement (excluding the Schedule), and
- 2.2.2 the Schedules,
- have priority in that order.
- 2.3 The Parties agree the Background under this Agreement is true and correct in every particular and that the Background forms part of this Agreement.

3. AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1 The Minister appoints the person named in Item 11 of the Schedule as its representative for the purposes of this Agreement.
- 3.2 The Minister's Representative has authority to:
- 3.2.1 exercise all of the powers and functions of the party under this Agreement; and

3.2.2 bind the party in relation to any matter arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

3.3 The Minister may change its Representative at any time throughout the Term by written notice to the Scholarship Recipient.

3.4 The Scholarship Recipient acknowledges and agrees that where notice is required to be provided under this Agreement, unless expressly required to the contrary, such notice will be provided to the Program Administrator via the Program Administrator's Representative.

3.5 Despite clause 3.4, the Minister may require any document or information required to be provided by the Scholarship Recipient to the Program Administrator under this Agreement to be provided directly to the Minister's Representative.

4. **TERM**

This Agreement commences on the date upon which notice is provided by the Program Administrator to the Scholarship Recipient in accordance with clause 5.2 and expires on the Expiry Date, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

5. **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

5.1 The parties agree that neither party will be bound by the terms of this Agreement (except this clause 5) unless the following conditions are satisfied in full and evidenced by notice in writing to the Program Administrator:

5.1.1 the Scholarship Recipient is accepted by the Educational Institution for the Course to commence in the Intake Year; and

5.1.2 the Scholarship Recipient completes and maintains enrolment in the Course beyond the Census Date for the relevant Intake Year.

5.2 Upon the receipt of evidence of completion of the conditions precedent in clause 5.1 to the Program Administrator's reasonable satisfaction, the Program Administrator will provide notice to the Scholarship Recipient to confirm this Agreement comes into full force and effect and binds the parties.

5.3 If the conditions precedent in clause 5.1 are not satisfied in full and the Scholarship Recipient has not sought and obtained the Minister's written consent to vary the Intake Year this Agreement is deemed to have no further effect and the Scholarship Recipient will have no entitlement to any Scholarship Funding.

6. **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S OBLIGATIONS**

6.1 The Scholarship Recipient declares that the Scholarship Recipient:

6.1.1 is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand; and

6.1.2 resides in South Australia.

6.2 If at any time during the Term, the Minister becomes aware that the Scholarship Recipient's declaration set out in clause 6.1 is untrue, the Minister may terminate this Agreement.

6.3 The Scholarship Recipient acknowledges and agrees that:

6.3.1 the Scholarship Funds are being provided for the purpose of assisting the Scholarship Recipient to:

(a) undertake and complete the Course; and

- (b) fulfil the Eligible Work Commitment set out in this Agreement, (“**Purpose**”); and
- 6.3.2 the Scholarship Funds must only be used for this Purpose.
- 6.4 The Scholarship Recipient is liable to pay for any costs, expenses, taxes or liabilities relating to the Purpose, the Scholarship Recipient’s enrolment in the Course at the Educational Institution, and this Agreement, over and above the Scholarship Funds.
- 6.5 The Scholarship Recipient must notify the Program Administrator in writing of any of the following within ten (10) days after they occur:
- 6.5.1 the Scholarship Recipient’s discontinuance or failure of the Course including a failure to enrol in the Course;
- 6.5.2 the Scholarship Recipient’s failure of any part of the Course that requires the Scholarship Recipient to repeat a Subject, a semester or a year of the Course;
- 6.5.3 the Course Completion Date;
- 6.5.4 any change of the Scholarship Recipient’s address and contact details;
- 6.5.5 the Scholarship Recipient’s acceptance of any other scholarship or grant related to the Scholarship Recipient’s study towards the Course; or
- 6.5.6 any other matter which will, or is likely to, affect the Scholarship Recipient’s capacity to continue the Course.
- 6.6 For the period during which the Scholarship Recipient is undertaking the Course at the Educational Institution the Scholarship Recipient must:
- 6.6.1 regularly attend the Educational Institution and diligently and effectively undertake the Subjects to the best of the Scholarship Recipient’s ability in order to complete the Course by the Scholarship Program Completion Date;
- 6.6.2 observe and comply with any regulations, rules and by-laws of the Educational Institution and any additional conditions imposed by it; and
- 6.6.3 act in a manner that will not bring disrepute to the Scholarship Recipient, the Educational Institution, the Minister or the South Australian Government.
- 6.7 The Scholarship Recipient will notify the Program Administrator in writing if the Scholarship Recipient wishes to withdraw from the Scholarship Program and/or from the Scholarship Recipient’s place in the Course.
- 6.8 The Scholarship Recipient will provide to the Program Administrator, no later than 1 month after the end of each calendar year:
- 6.8.1 a report outlining the Scholarship Recipient’s use of the Scholarship Funds for the Purpose; and
- 6.8.2 any other information reasonably required by the Program Administrator related to the Scholarship Recipient’s use of the Scholarship Funds,
- to the satisfaction of the Program Administrator.
- 6.9 The Scholarship Recipient will:
- 6.9.1 provide to the Program Administrator no later than 1 month after the Expiry Date a report setting out any unexpended Scholarship Funding; and

- 6.9.2 unless otherwise expressly agreed by the Minister, will repay any unexpended Scholarship Funding in the manner as required by the Program Administrator.
- 6.10 The Scholarship Recipient will provide the Program Administrator with such information as the Program Administrator or Minister may request relating to the Scholarship Recipient's accountability to the Minister under this Agreement and in order for the Minister to assess the effectiveness of the Scholarship Program.
- 6.11 The Scholarship Recipient must not assign, in whole or in part, any rights or obligations under this Agreement.

7. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

- 7.1 In consideration of the Scholarship Recipient undertaking their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and subject to the satisfactory completion of the Milestones, the Minister agrees to pay the Scholarship Funding in the manner set out in Item 7 of the Schedule directly to the Program Administrator, which shall be responsible to pay the Scholarship Funding to the Scholarship Recipient.
- 7.2 The Scholarship Recipient acknowledges and agrees that:
- 7.2.1 the Scholarship Funding will be administered and paid to the Scholarship Recipient by the Program Administrator;
- 7.2.2 payment of the Scholarship Funding by the Program Administrator to the Scholarship Recipient is conditional upon the production of evidence of completion of Milestones to the Program Administrator's satisfaction; and
- 7.2.3 it must provide evidence of completion of the relevant Milestones to the Program Administrator within 20 Business Days of completion of the relevant Milestone.
- 7.3 Where the Scholarship Recipient meets the Grow Your Own Eligibility Criteria (whether at the commencement or during this Agreement), the Scholarship Recipient must provide evidence to the Program Administrator, and upon the production of evidence to the Program Administrator's reasonable satisfaction that the Scholarship Recipient meets the Grow Your Own Eligibility Criteria, the Scholarship Recipient will be eligible to receive the Grow Your Own Allowance.
- 7.4 Where the Scholarship Recipient meets Aboriginal Pathways Eligibility Criteria (whether at the commencement or during this Agreement), the Scholarship Recipient must provide evidence to the Program Administrator, and upon the production of evidence to the Program Administrator's reasonable satisfaction that the Scholarship Recipient meets the Aboriginal Pathways Eligibility Criteria, the Scholarship Recipient will be eligible to receive the Aboriginal Pathways Financial Assistance.

8. COURSE START AND COMPLETION DATES

- 8.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Minister, the Scholarship Recipient must successfully complete the Course no later than the Scholarship Program Completion Date.
- 8.2 The Scholarship Recipient may by written request to the Program Administrator, seek an extension of time to defer the Course. The Minister may grant or deny such a request at its sole and absolute discretion.
- 8.3 If the Scholarship Recipient determines to reduce their hours of employment in order to undertake the Course, the financial consequences of that decision will be borne

solely by the Scholarship Recipient. The Minister will not be liable for any consequences, financial or otherwise, of any such decision by the Scholarship Recipient.

9. **WITHDRAWAL**

The Scholarship Recipient must immediately notify the Program Administrator if the Scholarship Recipient ceases/withdraws their enrolment in the Course.

10. **INVESTIGATIONS**

10.1 If during the Term the Scholarship Recipient becomes the subject of a departmental, ICAC or SAPOL investigation:

10.1.1 the Scholarship Recipient must provide notice to the Program Administrator of the investigation, and

10.1.2 the Program Administrator will cease payment of the funding for the duration of the investigation;

but the Scholarship Recipient may continue the Course at their own cost during that investigation period so long as the requirements of the Course do not conflict with the requirements of the investigation.

10.2 Subject to the outcome of the investigation referred to in clause 10.1, the Minister will determine in the Minister's absolute discretion whether:

10.2.1 to reimburse the Scholarship Recipient any tuition fees paid by the Scholarship Recipient that would otherwise have been paid by the Scholarship Funding; and

10.2.2 there will be continued payment of any outstanding balance of the Scholarship Funding by the Minister to the Program Administrator.

10.3 If any Subjects are not completed and/or successfully passed the Minister will not approve payment for resitting of Subjects, unless the Minister deems that acceptable grounds for non-completion exist, or deferral of the Course is agreed by the parties in writing.

11. **ELIGIBLE WORK COMMITMENT**

11.1 Within 6 months of the Course Completion Date, the Scholarship Recipient agrees to undertake Eligible Work in an Eligible Educational Setting for a period no less than the Eligible Work Commitment Period.

11.2 The Scholarship Recipient may seek an extension to the period set out in clause 11.1. The Minister will consider any such application and may, in its absolute discretion, approve or reject the request.

11.3 The Scholarship Recipient agrees it is their responsibility to secure Eligible Work in an Eligible Education Setting to fulfil the Eligible Work Commitment set out in this Agreement.

11.4 If the Scholarship Recipient does not fulfil their obligations under this clause 11, the Minister may at its sole discretion, require the Scholarship Recipient to repay all or part of the Scholarship Funding.

12. RECORD KEEPING AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION

The Scholarship Recipient must provide the Minister with such information as the Minister may request relating to this Agreement within 20 days of the request being made, including without limitation:

- 12.1 copies of the Scholarship Recipient's completed enrolment confirmation;
- 12.2 evidence of the Scholarship Recipients successful completion of the Milestones;
- 12.3 evidence of the Scholarship Recipient's successful completion of the Course;
- 12.4 evidence of the Scholarship Recipient's performance of Eligible Work (where relevant); and
- 12.5 such other information as the Minister reasonably requires to monitor or verify the Scholarship Recipient's compliance with, or otherwise in relation to this Agreement.

13. CONSENT FOR PROVISION OF INFORMATION

13.1 The Scholarship Recipient hereby provides consent for the Educational Institution to provide the following information to the Minister or the Program Administrator:

- 13.1.1 copies of the Scholarship Recipient's enrolment confirmation in the Course; and
- 13.1.2 notification of the Scholarship Recipient's successful completion of the Course,

for the purpose of verifying the Scholarship Recipient's compliance with this Agreement.

14. TERMINATION

The Minister may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Scholarship Recipient if the Scholarship Recipient:

- 14.1 withdraws from the Course;
- 14.2 fails to use the Scholarship Funds for the Purpose;
- 14.3 fails to successfully complete the Course by the Scholarship Program Completion Date (including by any extension period granted by the Minister in accordance with clause 8.2);
- 14.4 makes a false declaration in respect of clause 6.1 of this Agreement; or
- 14.5 breaches any of their other obligations under this Agreement and fails to remedy such breach or make reasonable progress towards rectifying the breach, where that breach is capable of rectification, within 10 Business Days of being notified of the breach.

15. EFFECT OF TERMINATION AND REPAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

- 15.1 If this Agreement is terminated by the Minister pursuant to clause 14, the Minister may (in its sole discretion) require the Scholarship Recipient to repay the whole or a portion of the Scholarship Funding received by the Scholarship Recipient under this Agreement.
- 15.2 The amounts required to be repaid pursuant to clauses 11.4 and 15.1 will be recoverable as a debt due to the Minister.
- 15.3 This clause survives the termination of this Agreement.

16. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT BY THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- 16.1 The Scholarship Recipient acknowledges that prior to signing this Agreement:
- 16.1.1 they have been given the opportunity to obtain independent legal advice with respect to this Agreement; and
 - 16.1.2 understands the nature and extent of their rights and obligations under this Agreement including the consequences if they do not comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 16.2 The Scholarship Recipient:
- 16.2.1 acknowledges and agree that the conditions upon which a Scholarship has been granted to pursuant to this Agreement are reasonable;
 - 16.2.2 declares that all information supplied by to the Minister pursuant to this Agreement is true and correct in every particular;
 - 16.2.3 agrees that the Minister may provide information about him or her in relation to this Agreement to the Program Administrator;
 - 16.2.4 acknowledges that nothing in this Agreement gives rise to any right or legitimate expectation of future employment;
 - 16.2.5 acknowledges that any financial assistance under this Agreement may have taxation implications and may have implications in respect of Commonwealth benefits they may receive.
- 16.3 The Scholarship Recipient agree that the Minister enters into this Agreement in reliance upon the acknowledgements contained in this clause 16.

17. GENERAL**17.1 Notices**

- 17.1.1 Any notices or other communication required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and must be:
- (a) delivered by hand to the physical address of the recipient - and is deemed to be given upon delivery;
 - (b) sent by pre-paid ordinary post within Australia to the postal address of the recipient - and is deemed to be given upon expiration of 3 business days after the date on which it was sent; or
 - (c) sent by e-mail to the e-mail address of the recipient - and is deemed to be given when the e-mail enters the information system accessible to the recipient.
- 17.1.2 In this clause 17.1 reference to any kind of address means the address of the recipient stated in the Schedule.

17.2 Entire Agreement

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any prior agreement, understanding or representation of the Parties on the subject manner.

17.3 Proper Law

The laws in force in South Australia apply to this Agreement.

17.4 Compliance with Laws

The Scholarship Recipient must comply with the laws in force in South Australia in the course of performing their obligations under this Agreement.

17.5 Variation

Any variation of this Agreement must be in writing and be signed by each party.

17.6 Waiver

17.6.1 Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement is ineffective unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving its rights.

17.6.2 A waiver by a party in respect of a breach of this Agreement by the other party is not a waiver in respect of any other breach of that or any other provision.

17.6.3 The failure of a party to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement at any time must not be interpreted as a waiver of that provision.

17.7 Severance

17.7.1 Each word, phrase, sentence, paragraph and clause of this Agreement is severable.

17.7.2 If a court determines that a part of this Agreement is unenforceable, invalid, illegal or void that part may be severed.

17.7.3 Severance of a part of this Agreement will not affect any other part of the Agreement.

17.8 Reading Down

Where a word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, clause or other provision of this Agreement would otherwise be unenforceable, illegal or void the effect of that provision will so far as possible, be limited and read down so that it is not unenforceable, illegal or void.

17.9 Auditor General

Nothing in this Agreement derogates from the powers of the Auditor-General under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 (SA)*.

Executed as an agreement

SIGNED by the **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**)
in the presence of:)

.....
Scholarship Recipient

.....
Witness

[Print Name:.....]

[Print Name:.....]

SIGNED for and on behalf of the **MINISTER FOR**)
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS)
by a person duly authorised to do so,)
in the presence of:)

.....
Authorised signatory

.....
Witness

[Print Name:.....]

[Print Name:.....]

SAMPLE

SCHEDULE – AGREEMENT DETAILS**ITEM 1 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Name: [insert details]

Address: [insert details]

Contact No: [insert details]

Email: [insert details]

ITEM 2 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

[insert BUSY Group Details]

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

Name: [insert details]

Address: [insert details]

Contact No: [insert details]

Email: [insert details]

ITEM 3 COURSE

Program Name: [insert details]

Period of Study: [insert details]

Study Load: [insert details]

Cost: [insert details]

[INSERT ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFO]

ITEM 4 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

[insert details e.g. name of university/RTO]

ITEM 5 INTAKE YEAR

Semester/Trimester [insert details]

Year: [insert details]

ITEM 6 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMPLETION DATE

31 December 2032

ITEM 7

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

The Minister will pay Scholarship Funding to the Program Administrator, who will be responsible for administering payments to the Scholarship Recipient upon satisfactory completion of the Milestones.

The Scholarship Funding will be paid on a pro-rata basis according to the Scholarship Recipient's eligibility, study load and/or FTE once employed in Eligible Work in an Eligible Educational Setting.

The recipient has been deemed eligible for:

[delete whichever is not applicable]

Scholarship Funding category	Funding amount
Course qualification - Educator	[\$insert amount]
Course qualification – Teacher	[\$insert amount]
Eligible Work Commitment (retention payment)	[\$insert amount]

Payments will be made based on achievement of the Milestone. The amount paid for each Milestone will be calculated by the Program Administrator in accordance with the Scholarship Recipient's eligibility.

If the Scholarship Recipient meets the Grown Your Own Eligibility Criteria and/or the Aboriginal Pathways Criteria, the Scholarship Recipient will be eligible to receive up to the following amounts:

Scholarship Funding category	Funding amount
Grow Your Own Allowance	[\$insert amount]
Aboriginal Pathways Financial Assistance	[\$insert amount]

ITEM 8

MILESTONES

[Delete milestones that are not relevant for the recipient]

Funding model	Milestone	Evidence required
Course (teacher)	First year	Proof of enrolment following the census date
	Second year	Proof of enrolment following the census date
	Third year	Proof of enrolment following the census date
	Fourth year	Proof of enrolment following the census date
Course (educator)	Commencement	Proof of enrolment following the census date
	Completion	Academic transcript demonstrating completion of the course

Eligible Work Commitment	Commencement	Employment contract within 6 months of completing the course
Eligible Work Commitment	2 years	Employment contract within 2 years and six months of completing the course

ITEM 9 **GROW YOUR OWN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Scholarship Recipients must:

- be recipients of financial support through the QualifySA in Early Childhood Funding Support Program; and
- reside in and intend to work within a local regional or remote community, specifically in locations classified as very remote, remote, or outer regional according to the [Australian Statistical Geography Standard - Remoteness Area classification](#).

Eligibility will be determined by the Program Administrator based on the Program Recipient's residential address.

ITEM 10 **ABORIGINAL PATHWAYS ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Scholarship Recipients who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

Eligible participants must provide one of the following supporting documents at the time of application to provide confirmation of Aboriginality (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Program Administrator):

- a letter of support from an Aboriginal Community member; or
- a statutory declaration signed and confirmed by an Aboriginal Community member.

ITEM 11 **MINISTER'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Name: [insert details]

Address: [insert details]

Contact No: [insert details]

Email: [insert details]