



Questions and Answers – 1 May 2020

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1. Can you explain the main points that affect FDC of the new [e-news](#) the Department put out last night?

- You do not have to count BCP payments when you are calculating if you have had a 15% drop in income for JobKeeper.
- FDC (and IHC) services who have educators without ABNs now have until 1 June to get ABNs – then services can apply, not for JobKeeper, but for a Supplementary Payment.
- We are seeking confirmation that services that need to put new educators on between now and 1 June can do so and then apply for supplementary funding for them.
- FDC services that have applied for supplementary payments on the grounds that not all of their educators are eligible - will be contacted by the Department to find out how many educators are in this position. We are presuming this includes educators who are not eligible for JobKeeper because of their visa status and are clarifying this.

2. Can I ask on behalf of an educator that has only just applied for her ABN; is there anything we can do to support her application for Job Keeper?

Not to get JobKeeper, but you can put in an Exceptional Circumstances Supplementary payment request on her behalf.

3. Could someone please advise me re a service that is operational but has only absences due to families self-isolating, can the educator still receive the BCP?

No. You must have at least one child still actively using the service to receive BCP. Note that the BCP/Fee Relief payment is paid to the service (not the educators). A part payment may be then paid to educators by the service.



- 4. I'm wondering if you can provide any information regarding fire testing of fire safety equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic? Educators have reported that they can't get testers out as they aren't entering homes. Can you please provide any information regarding the Department's position on this?**

We suggest emailing the Department on eced@det.nsw.edu.au to receive a definitive answer.

- 5. I have an educator who typically has schoolies in across the school holiday periods. This school holidays however, she did not have them in due to COVID 19 and is now wanting to claim loss of income due to the pandemic. Is this something she could claim through her accountant or are there other opportunities available at the moment for her to pursue?**

This is why JobKeeper exists – to compensate educators like this for lost income. She should apply for JobKeeper, either with or without her accountant's help.

- 6. What is the deadline for applying for Supplementary Payment Funding?**

It appears that the Department will accept applications up until 28 June 2020 at this stage. That said, the entire Relief Package is subject to review next week. NSWFDCA advises services to get applications in as soon as possible, because the Department has said they will be in contact with services that have already made an application about educators not eligible for JobKeeper. The application is not difficult to complete.