



# Ready to start primary school?

Now that your child is turning 5, it's time to think about enrolling them in primary school. The first year of primary school is called Foundation (Prep). Children can start Foundation if they turn 5 years old by 30 April in the year they begin school. School is compulsory for children who are 6 years old.

## How to enrol in a Victorian government primary school

### Before you apply

- Work out what year your child can start school based on their age
- Find schools and your school zone at [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au)
- Contact primary schools from Term 1 to book a tour (optional).

### How to apply

- Foundation (Prep) applications open from the start of Term 2
- Submit your application form by the last Friday in July
- The school will contact you with an outcome in the first 2 weeks of August.



Learn more at  
[vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep)

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