# Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

### What is the aedc?

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a census - or data collection - examining how young children in Australia have developed by the time they start school. The AEDC provides evidence to support policy, planning and action for health, education and community support. It can also assist governments to develop flexible approaches to policy and planning that address the evolving needs of children and families in the future.

Information is collected on individual children around Australia who are in their first year of full-time school. School teachers complete a questionnaire for each child in their class.

The Instrument includes approximately 100 questions across five areas (called AEDC domains) of child development:

* physical health and wellbeing
* social competence
* emotional maturity
* language and cognitive skills (school-based)
* communication skills and general knowledge.

The AEDC data can help schools to:

* understand and reflect on developmental vulnerability within their community
* plan for children's optimal orientation and transition to school
* engage and collaborate with community partners, including the [early childhood education and care sector](http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/about/index.html).

### Timeline

Pre-population information completed 24 April

AEDC system live with pre-populated information 4 May

AEDC data collection period 4 May to 31 July

### AEDC WORKSHOP

An AEDC workshop will be held on ***Tuesday April 21*** and aims to increase awareness, understanding and use of the AEDC. The CES will fund TRS for each fulltime Prep teacher employed at your school to attend this workshop. Registrations are via the DETE website - <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/aedcqueensland/school-workshops.html>