

First Lap voucher program Recipient Guidelines





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Minister for Tourism and Sport

Learning to swim and being safe in the water is an important part of the Australian lifestyle.

The NSW Government's First Lap voucher program provides \$100 to every NSW child aged over 3 who are not enrolled in school for quality swimming and water safety education before they start school.

In 2022/23 we will invest a further \$20 million in the program to give parents, guardians and carers peace of mind that their child is safe in and around the water.

The First Lap voucher is one of more than 130 rebates, concessions and other NSW Government measures that can be claimed and redeemed through Service NSW to help reduce the cost of living.

So, thank you for making your child's water safety a priority.

Together we can ensure our kids enjoy the health benefits of swimming at their local pool, beach or river.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stuart Ayres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP

What is the First Lap program?

The First Lap voucher program provides \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of children aged 3-6 years who are not enrolled in school to help pay for swimming lessons.

A First Lap Voucher can be used when paying for an eligible child's swimming lessons with a registered First Lap Provider.

Each eligible child may use one \$100 voucher each financial year (Voucher 1 available from 1 December 2021 to 30 June 2022. Voucher 2 is available from 1 July 2022, expiring on 30 June 2023).

First Lap is a two-year program, starting on 1 December 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.

Why is the First Lap program important?

Being safe in and around water is very important for NSW children.

The NSW Government wants more children learning to swim before they start school.

Who can get a First Lap Voucher?



Children aged 3-6 years who are not enrolled in school



Children who live in NSW



Children whose name is on an Australian Medicare card

Who can't get a First Lap Voucher?



Children who are school enrolled



Children who don't live in NSW



Children under 3 years old

What can you use a First Lap Voucher on?



You can use your child's First Lap Voucher on a program of at least 5 swimming lessons.



The First Lap Voucher can be used for both intensives, where there is a lesson every day, or when paying for regular weekly lessons.



The First Lap Voucher must be used with a registered First Lap Provider' -FL Providers are not just swim schools



The swimming lessons must be an organised program and must be given by a swimming teacher in a swimming pool.

What can't you use a First Lap Voucher on?



You can't use your child's First Lap Voucher to buy swimming costumes, goggles or other swimming equipment like kickboards or floaties.



You can't use your child's First Lap Voucher to pay for pool membership or entrance costs for your child or the parent taking them to the pool.



You can't use your child's First Lap Voucher for online swimming lessons.

How do I get a First Lap Voucher?



You can get a First Lap Voucher through [Service NSW](#) online.



You will need a Service NSW account and be the parent, guardian or carer of the eligible child.

How do I use a First Lap Voucher?

You can find a swimming school that is a First Lap Provider in your local area by visiting the [Service NSW website](#).

When your swimming school asks you to pay for your child's swimming lessons, you can use your First Lap Voucher by giving them the voucher number or letting them scan the QR code. Depending on how much your child's swimming classes cost, you may need to pay more than the \$100 of the voucher.

If your child's swimming classes cost less than \$100, or if your child stops going to the swimming classes, you cannot get a refund for the voucher.



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