





ACCS (CHILD WELLBEING)

The ACCS (Child Wellbeing) payment is an additional subsidy payable in circumstances where, amongst other things, a child is considered "at risk of serious abuse or neglect", and therefore additional support would assist the individual, or an eligible provider where the Provider cannot identify an individual eligible for the sessions of care provided, to meet the costs of child care and help in providing an appropriate safety net for such children.

A Certificate is initially created to cover 6 weeks of care, a Determination is then created to cover an additional 13 weeks of care or in some circumstances up to 52 weeks. A Certificate is always created first and the 6 weeks must be exhausted prior to the Determination being created. A Determination follows a child's CCS enrolment to all locations that there is an active CCS enrolment for them.

This tip sheet will walk you through:

- Querying ACCS Percentages
- ACCS Certificate
- Querying a Certificate
- Cancelling a Certificate
- ACCS Determination
- Querying a Determination
- Update State/Territory Body
- Child no longer at risk
- **Upload Supporting Evidence**
- <u>Troubleshooting</u>







Summary

To access the ACCS Module

- 1. Click on Childcare menu
- 2. Select ACCS

Query ACCS

- 1. Click on the ACCS Percentage Tab
- 2. Click on Query ACCS Percentages
- 3. Enter Service ID, Child's CRN and Date of Birth
- 4. Query

Submit ACCS Certificate

- 1. Click on the ACCS Certificate Tab
- 2. Click on Submit ACCS Certificate
- 3. Fill in the required details
- 4. Upload Supporting Documents
- 5. Complete the declaration
- 6. Submit

Submit ACCS Determination

- 1. Click on the ACCS Determination Tab
- 2. Click on Submit ACCS Determination
- 3. Fill in the required details
- 4. Upload Supporting Documents
- 5. Complete the declaration
- 6. Submit

Child No Longer at Risk

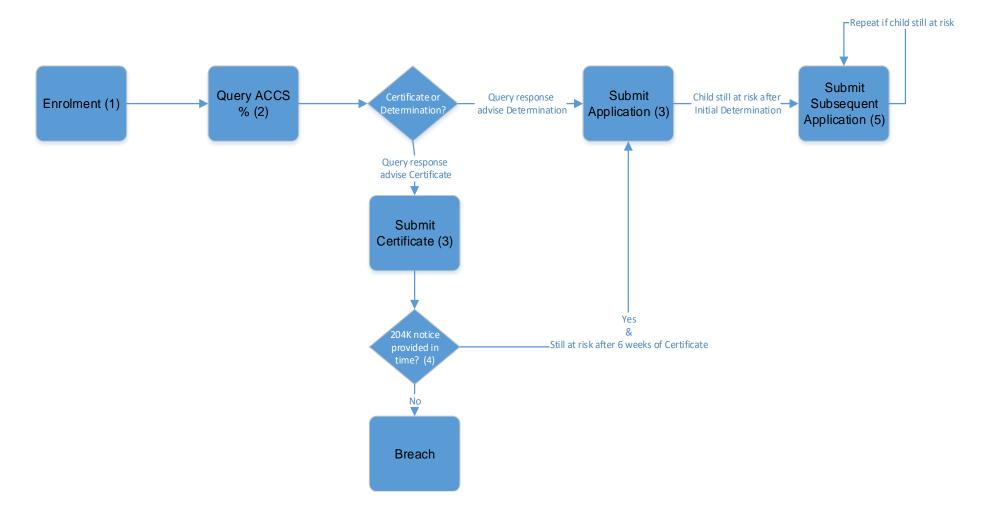
- 1. Click on the Child No Longer At Risk Tab
- 2. Click on Child No Longer At Risk button
- 3. Complete the form
- 4. Upload any required documentation
- 5. Complete the declaration
- 6. Submit







Diagram of the ACCS process:









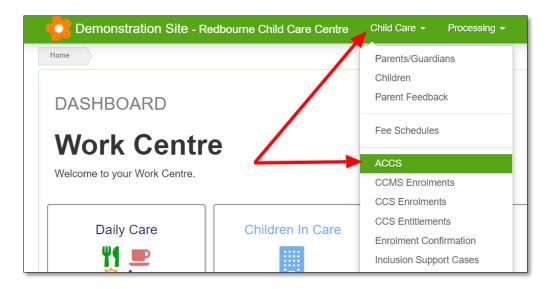
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Detailed

In order to claim ACCS payments, you will first need to ensure that a CCS enrolment exists, and the child CRN is linked to all the enrolments at least for the validity period of the Certificate/Determination. Either a **Complying Written Arrangement** or **Provider Eligible Arrangement** enrolment are applicable for ACCS.

If you need further guidance on enrolments, please refer to our tip sheet called **Creating and Updating a CCS Enrolment**.

The ACCS module is located within the **Child Care** menu and all ACCS actions can be performed within this window:



Query ACCS Percentages

Before creating a Certificate or Determination you will need to query your service ACCS percentage. Either those with Operational or Management and Control roles with CCS can query percentages.

The 'Query ACCS Percentage' process will run using the risk start date as the basis. CCSS will return a percentage of children at risk which will indicate the percentage of children already on ACCS and therefore what ACCS percentage you are still entitled to apply for.



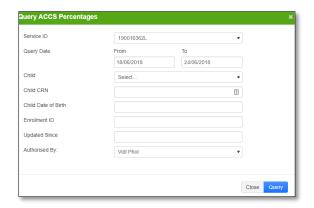




To query your ACCS percentages, click the Query ACCS Percentages button within the ACCS Percentages tab:

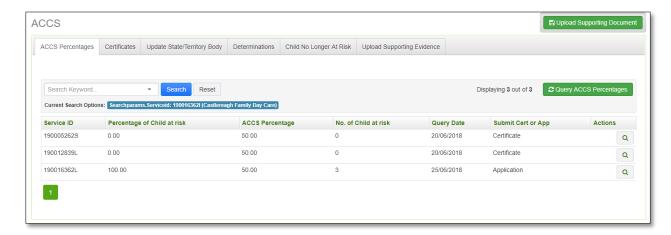


The next window will open:



Ensure your **Service ID** is selected. Next select a child from the dropdown menu to pull through the **child's CRN** and **DOB**.

Select your authorised person and click the **Query** button. Once your query has completed, the returned records for all children that have a Certificate or Determination at the service will display in the grid:



You may view the returned details by clicking the a button.







ACCS Certificate

Some important rules and guidelines you need to know:

- Certificate can be for a maximum length of 6 weeks and must start on a Monday.
- Certificate start date cannot be in the future.
- You can back date a certificate for up to 13 weeks prior to the date of submission provided the delay in submission was caused due to exceptional circumstances that were beyond the provider's control
- Certificate periods for the same child/service cannot overlap.
- Certificate periods for the same child for different services can overlap.
- 6 weeks do not need to cover consecutive weeks
- Certificates are automatically approved and the increased CCS amount will be estimated on any sessions that it is applied to after the forecast has been completed.
- Maximum of 6 weeks of certificate for a particular child/service can be submitted within a 12 month period.
- Request to cancel a certificate can be lodged any time after the certificate has been made.
- If cancellation is requested within 4 weeks from the start date of the certificate, it will auto apply. Otherwise, a work item will be generated for staff to action.
- Provider/service cannot amend a certificate once it is submitted, hence no update certificate service available.
- Instead, Provider can cancel the certificate needing amendment and create a new certificate, which will be known as a replacement certificate.
- A replacement certificate cannot have a start date earlier than the original certificate start date. Instead, Provider can submit a separate certificate to cover for the earlier period.

For more information and guidelines please see the tip sheet under the **Resources** menu called **Guide to Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing)**.

Click on the Certificates tab and then click the Submit ACCS Certificate buttor







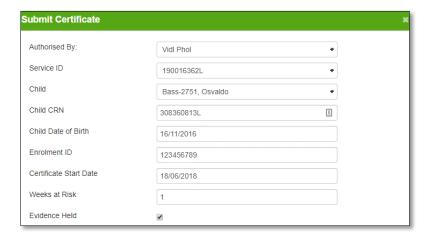


Submit Certificate

When the submit certificate window opens, you will first need to ensure that your service ID and authorised person have been selected.

Next, **select the child** from the dropdown menu. This will pull through their CRN and DOB details. You do not need to then enter **Enrolment I.D**.

Enter the **certificate start date** and **weeks at risk** then check the **Evidence Held** checkbox:



Supporting Documents

Select your supporting document type from the dropdown menu and then click the Choose file button to locate a file to upload.



If you were notified by the department tick Was provider notified of child's risk by an appropriate State/Territory body?

 An ACC003 - State/Territory notice (204K notice) document must be uploaded

If you have had to notify then you tick **Has a notice to an appropriate** State/Territory body has been made?

- a supporting document is optional
- in most cases, services upload an ACC002 ACCS ChildWellBeing Evidence
- the service should complete the Notice to State/Territory Body details (this can be updated later)





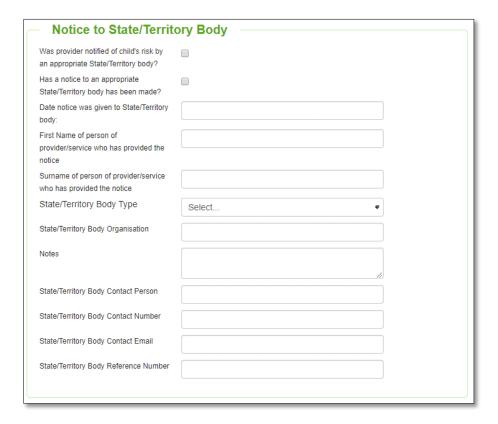


If you have selected Exceptional Circumstances Reason in Late submission

 An ACC008 – Evidence of exceptional circumstance document must be uploaded

Notice to State/Territory Body

Next, complete the Notice to State Territory Body section:



If you were notified by the department tick Was provider notified of child's risk by an appropriate State/Territory body?

You do not then need to enter any more information under this.

However, if you have had to notify then you tick **Has a notice to an appropriate State/Territory body has been made?**

You will then need to enter the details of the department and person you notified.

NOTE: Only one option should be selected



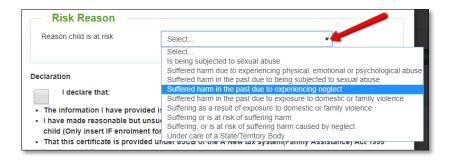






Risk Reason

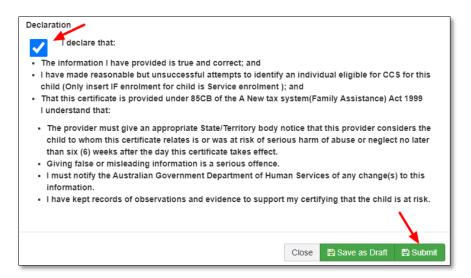
Select a reason for the child being at risk from the dropdown menu:



Use "Ctrl" key to select more than one reason

Declaration

Finally, complete the declaration and click the **Submit** button:



You can save an ACCS Certificate to come back to late by clicking on the **Save as Draft** button:

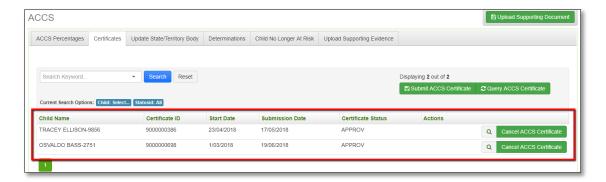






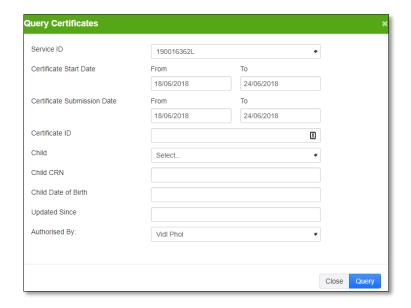


Once submitted, your certificate will display in the grid and will now have a Certificate ID:



Querying ACCS Certificates

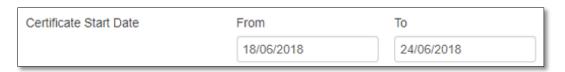
To query your ACCS certificates and to bring the status through, click the guery ACCS Certificate button. This will open the Query Certificates window:



Enter the details of the certificate you wish to query and click the outlon.

Once your query has completed, you may view the queries details by clicking the button on the record.

NOTE: Please make sure Certificate start date from and to covers the certificate start date you are querying.



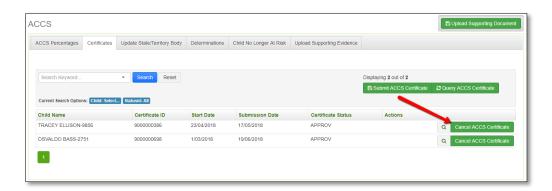






Cancelling ACCS Certificates

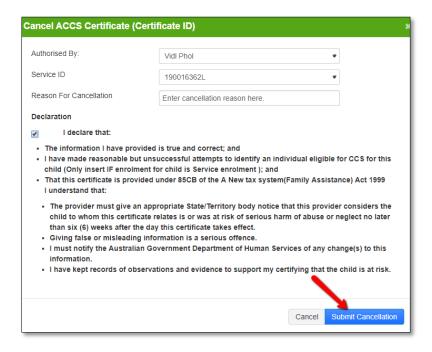
To cancel an ACCS Certificate, locate the certificate in the grid and click the Cancel ACCS Certificate button:



Select your authorised person, service ID and enter a cancellation reason.

Only those with Management and Control can be selected to cancel ACCS certificates

Complete the declaration and click the Submit Cancellation button:



Your cancellation request will be sent to CCSS







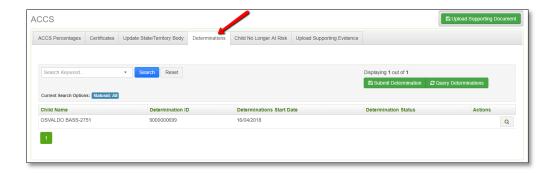
ACCS Determinations

Some important rules and guidelines:

- Determination is in effect for the child. This means a determination will be in effect for all enrolments regardless of:
 - o Provider,
 - o Service,
 - Enrolment type
- Determination must start on a Monday.
- Applications made are typically a length of 13 weeks
- In some circumstances you can apply for a maximum length of 52 weeks
- Determinations are not automatically approved.
- Provider cannot vary or revoke an application once submitted.
- If the child is no longer at risk, the no longer at-risk service should be used and a work item will be generated for staff to action.
- Australian Government/DHS staff can vary a determination, with certain restrictions.
- Australian Government/DHS staff can revoke a determination.
- Evidence of child being at risk is mandatory for application

For more information and guidelines please see the tip sheet under the Resources menu called Guide to Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing).

Determination applications are located within the 'Determinations' tab of the ACCS window:



To submit a Determination application, click the open the 'Submit Determination Application' window.

You will first need to ensure that your **authorised person** and **service ID** are selected.

Select the **child** from the dropdown menu and this will pull through the **child's CRN** and **date of birth**.

NOTE: While there are fields for the enrolment ID and certificate ID it is not a mandatory field.

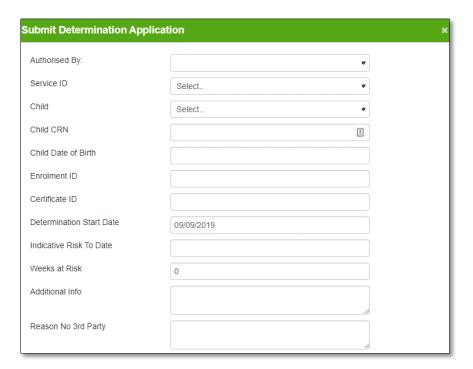






Select the **Determination** start date and the end date in the **Indicative risk to date** option.

Enter the **weeks at risk**. You may also include additional info in the provided textboxes (this is optional):



Supporting Documents

The type of supporting documents depends on whether you notified or the body notified you.

If the service ticks "Was provider notified of child's risk by an appropriate State/Territory body?":

- An ACC003 State/Territory notice (204K notice) document must be uploaded
- An ACC002 ACCS ChildWellBeing Evidence document must be uploaded

If the service ticks "Has a notice to an appropriate State/Territory body has been made?":

- An ACC002 ACCS ChildWellBeing Evidence must be uploaded
- The service must complete the Notice to State/Territory Body details (This cannot be updated later)

If you have selected Exceptional Circumstances Reason in Late submission

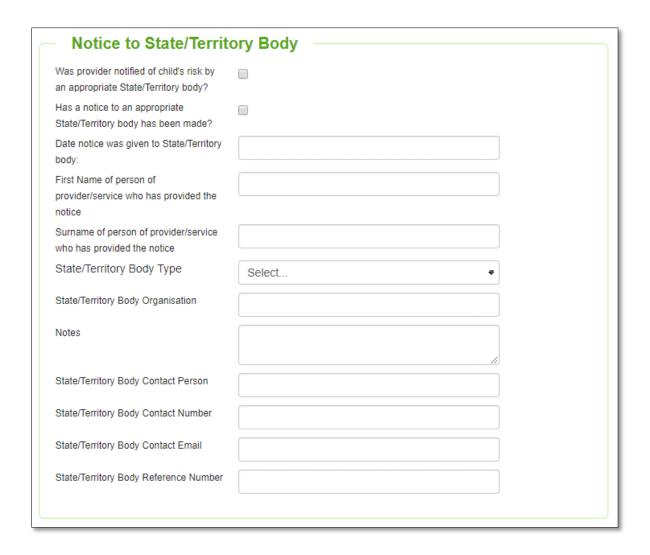
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Next, complete the **Notice to State Territory Body** section:









NOTE: Only one option should be selected



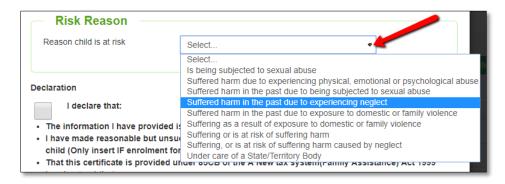






Risk Reason

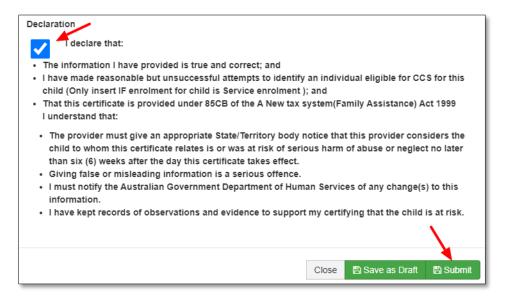
Select a reason for the child being at risk from the dropdown menu:



Use "Ctrl" key to select more than one reason

Declaration

Finally, complete the declaration and click the button:



You Can Save your ACCS Determination to come back to later by clicking on the **Save as Draft** button:

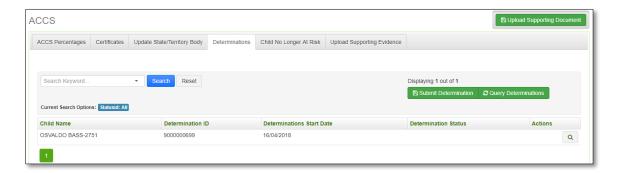








Once submitted, your determination application will display in the grid and will now have a 'Determination ID':



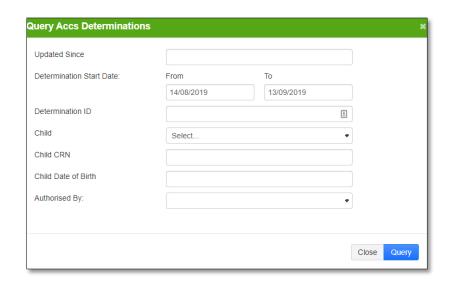
Querying a Determination

To query a determination, click the Query Determinations button:



This will open the 'Query ACCS Determinations' window.

Ensure your service ID and authorised person is selected. You may also include additional fields to narrow your query to specific records. You may then click the button:









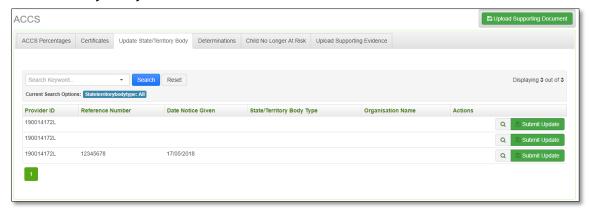
The query determination process will run. Once complete, you may view the returned data by selecting a record from the grid and clicking the button.

NOTE: Please make sure Determination start date from and to covers the determination start date you are querying.

Update State/Territory Body Tab

If 204K notice details were not provided as part of the certificate or determination, then provider must update 204K notice.

Updates to the State/Territory body are submitted within the **Update State/Territory Body** tab:



To submit an update, select the record from the grid and click the button.

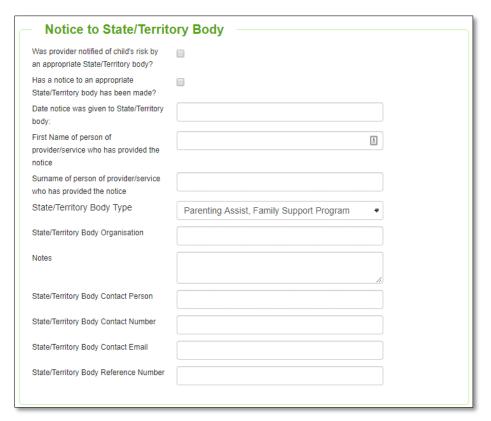
Ensure your **authorised person** and **service ID** are selected.

You may then complete the notice to state/territory body:





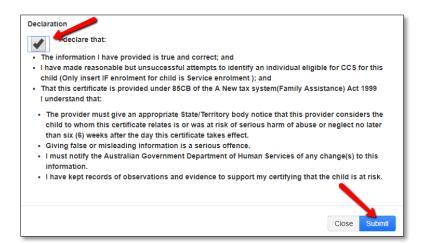




Select your supporting document type from the dropdown menu and then click the Choose file button to locate a file to upload.



Next, complete the declaration and click the submit button:



You will be notified once the update has been submitted.





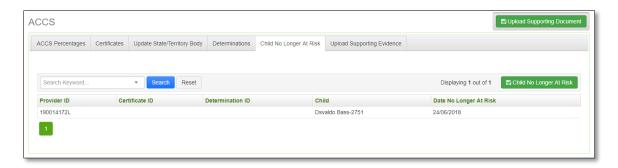


Child No Longer at Risk Tab

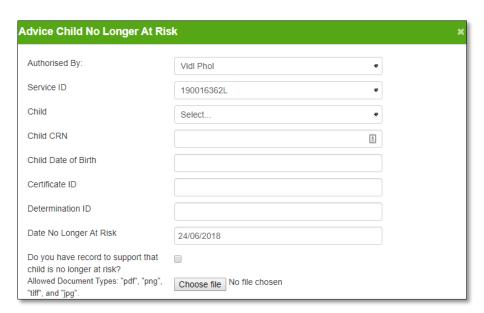
This option is used to advise the department that a child is no longer at risk.

To submit first click on Child No Longer At Risk tab then click the

Child No Longer At Risk button:



You will then need to complete the 'Advise Child No Longer At Risk' form:

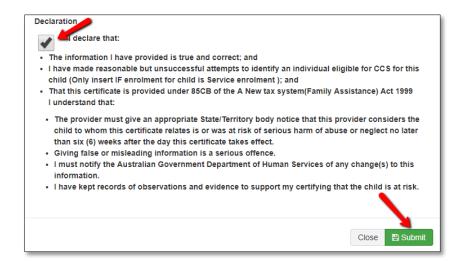


You will then need to complete the declaration and click the button:

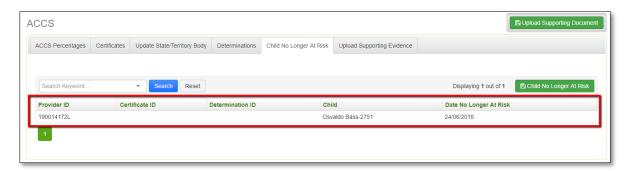








Once submitted, the entry will display in the grid:



Upload Supporting Evidence Tab

Supporting Evidence may be uploaded and submitted after submitting the initial request.

- This operation is used to complement the core ACCS operations, such as ACCS Submit Certificate, ACCS Apply for Determination.
- This operation can be performed only after the core operation has been completed.
- This operation can be used to:
 - o Re-upload supporting document/evidence, if the document uploaded originally was incorrect.
 - Upload additional document/evidence, which was not uploaded initially.

This operation may be performed within the 'Upload Supporting Evidence' tab of the ACCS window:

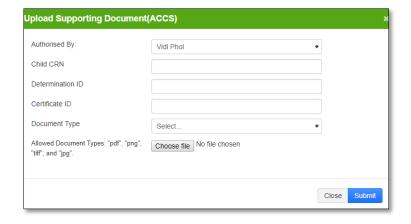








Click the Upload Supporting Document button and the following window will open:



Select your authorised person and enter the child's CRN.

Enter the relevant determination or certificate ID.

Next, select the **document type** from the dropdown menu and select a file to upload.

Click the **Submit** button to submit the documentation and the submitted documents will display in the grid:



You may click on the document name to download and view the document:









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Troubleshooting

Below are some common errors you may see when creating a certificate or determination and how to resolve them.

Error:

Invalid Mime Type for CCS allowable values

Why? This error is referring to the document you have uploaded doesn't match the allowable types.

Resolution: Change your document to one of the allowable types:

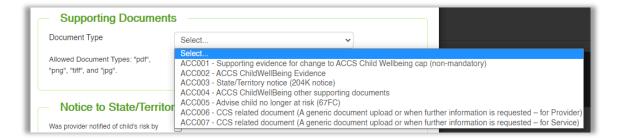
- pdf
- png
- tiff
- jpg

Then upload again.

Error:

· The supporting document type ACC003 is mandatory for Certificates,

Why? This error is relating to the document type you have selected. You can also get this error on determinations as well.



Resolution: There are specific document types you need to select depending on what option you have selected in Notice to State/Territory Body- whether you were notified or you had to notify an appropriate state/territory body.







CERTIFICATE

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- a supporting document is optional
- in most cases, services upload an ACC002 ACCS ChildWellBeing Evidence
- the service should complete the Notice to State/Territory Body details (this can be updated later)

DETERMINATIONS

If the service ticks "Was provider notified of child's risk by an appropriate State/Territory body?":

- An ACC003 State/Territory notice (204K notice) document must be uploaded
- An ACC002 ACCS ChildWellBeing Evidence document must be uploaded

If the service ticks "Has a notice to an appropriate State/Territory body has been made?":

- An ACC002 ACCS ChildWellBeing Evidence must be uploaded
- The service must complete the Notice to State/Territory Body details (This cannot be updated later)

Error:

Determination already exist for the child/service combination from 14.12.2020 to 14.03.2021.

Why? This error can relate to certificate or a determination. The dates displaying in the error is dependant on the child's record. This can happen if it was already created in your PEP system.

Resolution: Query. CCS already have the details of the certificate and/or determination. A query will help pull through this information. The information however will only pull through if the record is approved.







Error:

{"code":10,"codeType":"DHSEIN","message":"Service temporarily unavailable"}

Why? This is a generic error from ccs and can refer to 2 different things

- 1. CCS is down or having intermittent connection errors
- 2. The document you have uploaded is too big

Resolution:

- 1. If CCS is down or having intermittent issues you can only wait and try again later.
- 2. CCS only allow max size of 7mb for all documents being submitted. You will need to make your documents smaller either by saving them as a jpg or speaking with your I.T to reduce the size another way.

Error:

Notified By/To State and Territory Indicators cannot be same.

Why? This indicates that you have ticked both options under the heading Notice to State/Territory Body' e.g.:



Resolution: Untick the one that doesn't apply.

If you were notified of the child being at risk, then tick: Was provider notified of child's risk by an appropriate State/Territory body?

If you have had to notify someone of the child being at risk, then tick: **Has a notice** to an appropriate State/Territory body has been made?





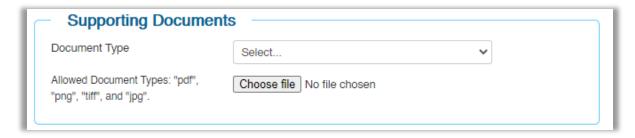


Error:

fileContent is a mandatory field

Why? This means that you haven't uploaded any supporting documents.

Resolution: Navigate to the heading **Supporting Documents** heading, click **Choose file** and select the file on your computer.



Error:

· 6 weeks of Certificate have not been exhausted for the Child in last 12 months.

Why? A new ACCS certificate is required each calendar year. The calendar year is determined on the child's first certificate start date.

Resolution:

- Check the start date of the child's latest certificate
- Does the certificate last for 6 weeks? If not. Create a certificate for the missing weeks. If so, move to next point.
- Has it been over a year since the start date If so, create a new certificate.







Error:

An Extension Reason cannot be submitted for a Determination with a period of 13 weeks and under

Why? You have selected an extension reason. You are not required to select these unless your determination is greater than 13 weeks.

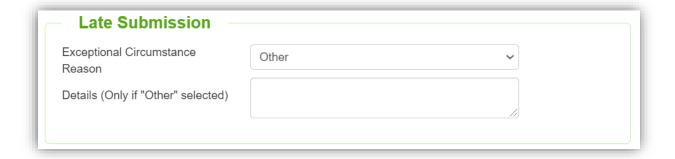


Resolution: Untick the extension reason as they do not apply.

Error:

• Exceptional circumstance reason cannot be provided where start date is not more than 28 DAYS in the past from submission date

Why? You have selected an Exceptional Circumstance reason for a Determination that has not been submitted greater then 28 days prior to the commencement date.



Resolution: Unselect the Exceptional Circumstance Reason

If you are uncertain of any details you are providing or the error you are experiencing please Save the ACCS Certificate or Determination and call our Support Help Desk.

