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NEW DIGITAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE TRIAL KICKS OFF

The Allan Labor Government is rolling out new digital birth certificates in three local government areas, giving parents fast and secure access to their child's birth certificate on their phone for the first time.

Minister for Government Services, Danny Pearson, visited an Early Learning Centre in Point Cook this week to announce the trial of the new certificate in Wyndham City Council, the City of Casey and Mitchell Shire Council.

As an alternative to paper certificates, participating parents across the three councils can now use the new digital birth certificate to make enrolling their children in kindergarten programs easier, by quickly and securely adding their child's digital birth certificate to the wallet feature on the Service Victoria app.

Digital birth certificates are another step forward in making more digital services available to support Victorians to more easily engage with the services they need like school, kinder and hospitals.

The use of the digital birth certificate will be optional for those eligible, and physical copies will continue to be issued to all Victorians.

The Service Victoria digital wallet now features a range of available documents, such as the veterans card, seniors card, digital driver's licence, and many more – in fact, Victorians can easily access more than 170 government services online and via the app.

The trial is now officially live, meaning parents in the three Local Government Areas participating in the trial can log in to the Services Victoria app to add their child's birth certificate today.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Danny Pearson

"The digital birth certificate will make it quicker and easier for Victorian parents to enroll their kids into kinder."

"This means you will have access to this important document anytime, wherever you are – which is one less thing to worry about."

"This is all part of our digitisation agenda – updating how government works so that Victorians can use services more easily and more efficiently."

Quote attributable to Member for Point Cook Mathew Hilakari

"I encourage families in Point Cook and Wyndham to get involved in this trial which is making it easier for parents to enroll kids into kinder and to safely keep birth certificates."