



early childhood to senior schooling

Education and Early Childhood Services  
Registration and Standards Board of SA

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## Education Standards Board Update

### The Evidence Guide for Registration of New or Changed schools

The Evidence Guide provides guidance on the types of evidence an applicant may use to demonstrate they meet the Standards for Registration and Review of Registration of Schools in South Australia. The guide provides some specific examples of evidence however; these are not necessarily the only way of demonstrating particular criteria within the Standards. Schools and organisations will have evidence unique to their particular context. An approved pre-published version of the [Evidence Guide](#) is available on the ESB Website.

### Application for changes to registration of a school in South Australia

A new [Application for changes to registration of a school](#) is now available on the ESB website. It may be used in conjunction with the Evidence Guide for Registration of New or Changed schools. The type of changes that require submission of an application form and documentary evidence are:

- Change of school name
- Change of school and/or campus location
- Change of Governing or Responsible Authority
- Amalgamations
- Change of year levels
- Applying for South Australian Government funding

Schools may apply for more than one change in the same application. The ESB will assess all applications using the Standards for Registration and Review of Registration of Schools in South Australia.

### School related Complaints and Grievances

The ESB are obliged under legislation to refer complaints and grievances received in relation to a school, back to the school where they are most effectively managed through the school's complaints and grievances policies and procedures.

It may be time to consider a review and possibly updating your policy and procedures for managing complaints and grievances. In doing so, you will be meeting Standard 3, Criteria 3.9 of the Standards for Registration and Review of Registration of Schools in South Australia.

### Reduction of Paper Based Forms for Early Childhood Services

From 1 October 2017 most paper based forms will no longer be available on the ACECQA website. As a result, approved providers will need to submit application and notification forms to the Education standards Board through the [National Quality Agenda IT System \(NQA ITS\)](#).

It is important that all approved providers register through the NQA ITS before 1 October 2017. For information about registering please see the [NQA ITS Portal Access](#) fact sheet or visit the [ACECQA website](#) where online guidance and training videos are available. If you have any specific questions about the NQA ITS or need help to register you can call the ACECQA help desk on 1300 667 319 or email [nqaits@acecqa.gov.au](mailto:nqaits@acecqa.gov.au)

### Contact Details

It is important that the ESB has your most current contact details, in particular email addresses. Please ensure that you review and update your provider and service contact details regularly and notify the ESB of any changes.

### Re-Imagining Childhood Conference

The South Australian Collaborative Childhood Project's Re-imagining Childhood Conference will be held in Adelaide from the 6 to 8 November 2017 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with international and local leaders in early childhood policy and practices in their own context.

Please visit <http://reimaginingchildhood.aomevents.com.au/> for further information and to register.

### Frozen Berry Recall

Recently the 300gm packs of Creative Gourmet frozen mixed berries have been recalled due to a potential hepatitis A virus contamination. The recall applies only to the packs of Creative Gourmet frozen mixed berries with a best before date of 15 January 2021. For more information please visit the [Australian Institute of Food Safety](#) website or the [Food Standards Australia New Zealand](#) website.

### Introducing Board Members

Ms Judy Atkinson is the CEO of three companies, Childcare Services Australia, Childcare Services SA and Child Care Services Training Australia. Ms Atkinson has been a member of Childcare SA since 1984, where she has held the role of President, Vice President and Executive Member.



Ms Judy Atkinson

Ms Kate Ryan is the Director of Halifax St Children's Centre and Preschool in the city of Adelaide. Ms Ryan has extensive experience in the use of narrative assessment in the Early Years and has provided professional learning across Australia on this topic.



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