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Children's Education and Care Training Package Review

SkillsIQ is undertaking a detailed review of six qualifications in the children's education and care sector, including the Certificate III and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. Following consultation with employers, educators, peak bodies, and regulators in September, SkillsIQ have advised that the National consultation for Draft 1 material will be open until 14th February 2018.

National consultation workshops have been scheduled to gather stakeholder feedback and detail the process for the review. Service Skills SA encourages all South Australian stakeholders to attend the Adelaide workshop. To register for the South Australian Consultation Workshop please click on the following link: [Adelaide, Tuesday 14th December 2017 - 9.30am – 11.30 am](#)

Removal of Supervisor Certificates

As of 1 October 2017, the requirement for Supervisor Certificates has been removed from the National Law and National Regulations. As a result, supervisor certificate application forms are no longer available and supervisor certificates will no longer be issued however approved providers must advise the ESB of any changes to nominated supervisors at their service by submitting a Notification of change to nominated supervisor form 7 days prior to the nominated supervisor starting. For further information, go to the ACECQA website: <http://www.acecqa.gov.au/>

End of year Check-ups

As we move into the holiday season it is a good time to do a stocktake of the service records including:

- Evidence of Educators' qualifications
- First Aid, Anaphylaxis and Asthma training
- Currency of DCSI clearances that will fall due in the next few months
- Children's immunisation status

Cot safety standards reduce cot deaths

We can reduce the risk of cot deaths by ensuring that cot mattresses meet the standard for firmness. The correct firmness cannot be assessed by feeling the mattress. The ESB has purchased a simple tool for checking firmness. The test takes less than 1 minute per mattress. We are prepared to loan this tool to any service that wants reassurance that their mattresses meet the safety standard. If there is a DIYer at the service, our website has instructions for making your own testing tool: <http://www.esb.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Infant-Mattress-Testing-DIY-Testing-Tool.pdf>

Updated email address

The Education Standards Board now has a direct email address. Enquiries may now be directed to EducationStandardsBoard@sa.gov.au Please add this email to your records as the new address will be in effect from 4 December 2017.

CRICOS-Full Fee Paying Overseas Students

The Commonwealth Department of Education and Training requires compliance with the National Code 2018 from 1 January 2018. Schools registered on CRICOS should review the National Code 2018 and make any necessary changes to policies and procedures to ensure compliance prior to 1 January 2018. Further information can be found at: [National Code Factsheet](#)

CRICOS Course Costs

It is also time to review current tuition and non-tuition course costs for 2018. Non-tuition course costs include homestay costs, uniform and OSHC (Overseas Student Health Cover). Further information is provided in the National Code 2018, Standard 3.3.5 Formalisation of enrolment and written agreements.

To make a change to CRICOS course costs, complete the relevant section of the Application for changes to enrol full fee paying overseas students form which can be found at: <http://www.esb.sa.gov.au/forms and submit to ESB.Schools@sa.gov.au>

Evidence Guide for Review of Registration

The ESB has developed an Evidence Guide for Review of Registration to assist schools with providing evidence to demonstrate the Standards for Registration and Review of Registration of Schools in South Australia. Further information about reviews of registration will be provided to all schools at the beginning of 2018. Access the Evidence Guide at: [Evidence Guide for Review of Registration](#)

Office closure over the Christmas/New Year Period

The Education Standards Board office will be closed for three days over the Christmas/New Year period. Closure dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 27 December 2017;
- Thursday 28 December 2017; and
- Friday 29 December 2017.

The office will recommence operation on Tuesday, 2 January 2018. The Education Standards Board would like to wish you a joyous holiday season and a New Year of happiness.



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