



Update

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Schools Review of Registration

A review of registration will occur for most schools by carrying out a self-review and verification of meeting the standards. This must be completed by 29 June 2018.

Standard 1 of the *Standards for Registration and Review of Registration* concerns school governance. If you are unsure of the governance arrangements for your school, contact your sector representative or the Education Standards Board.

Visit the *Review of Registration* page at <http://www.esb.sa.gov.au/school-reviews> for further information and support materials.

The Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training

The Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN-EC) training has been developed to provide consistent mandatory notification messages, targeted to staff across the government and non-government education and care sector.

Every three years the material is updated to reflect legislative and policy changes in regard to child protection matters.

The review is overseen and endorsed by a project board consisting of representatives from the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD), Catholic Education SA (CESA) and the Association of Independent Schools of SA (AISSA).

Any other education and care staff are welcome to do this update as part of their child protection strategy.

[The RAN-EC 2018-2020 update course](#) (which is to be completed online) is now available. This update course is for staff who are RAN-EC trained.

Changes to Exceeding Rating

During the review of the National Quality Agenda (NQA), feedback from the sector suggested there was a need for clearer guidance on the difference between the *Meeting* and *Exceeding* rating levels for each National Quality Standard (NQS). The three themes of the new Exceeding NQS guidance will be familiar to educators and providers: Practice is embedded in service operations, informed by critical reflection and shaped by meaningful engagement with families and/or the community.

To clarify language, reduce overlap across standards, and streamline the quality rating system other changes included that: All standards in a quality area need to be rated Exceeding NQS for that quality area to be rated Exceeding NQS and that a service must be rated Exceeding NQS in all quality areas to be eligible for the *Excellent* rating.

Further information can be found on the ACECQA website: <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/about/guide> and <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/search?s=exceeding+themes>.

National Audit of Serious Incidents

In October 2017, ACECQA commenced a national audit, examining serious incidents involving injury, trauma or illness. The audit involved analysing serious incident reports and interviewing approved providers and regulatory authorities.

While accident reporting, rates and types varied between service types a majority of serious incidents occurred outdoors and the three most common causes of injury, trauma or illness were:

- fall/trip (32%)
- equipment/furniture/toy (18%)
- child-to-child interaction (14%).

The most common types of injury, trauma or illness were:

- cuts, open wounds and bleeding (34%)
- broken bones, fractures and dislocations (known or suspected) (21%)
- head injuries and concussions (9%).

There were two peaks during the day when serious incidents (injury, trauma or illness) occurred between 10–11 am and between 3–4 pm.

Services may want to reflect on whether these statistics reflect their own service and whether this information could be used to reduce the number of serious incidents and injuries for children.

Avoid Late Fees: Update Your Details

To ensure we are sending information to the right person, all approved providers should ensure we have the correct details for your primary contact or 'person with management and control'. This is especially important when we issue invoices, as incorrect details can cause payment delays and late fees. Under section 261 of the *Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standard) Act 2011* (SA) we can charge late fees, and a fee of 15% will be applied every month for late payment. You can update details via the ACECQA portal, 'NQAIT System Log In', www.acecqa.gov.au. All of this information should be consistent with that provided to the federal Department of Education and Training.

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