



Update

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Early Childhood Services

Submitting your QIP

We have noticed that some services are having issues submitting their Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). Your QIP must be submitted through the ACECQA Portal. To do this, you need to go to the ACECQA Homepage: <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/> click on NQA IT System Log In, enter your details, and click Sign In, select the relevant service, click the New Forms button, select the RI01RA Requested Information form from the drop down list and then select Submit. We are unable to accept QIPs via email or regular post.

Employment Screening

Employment screening assists in providing safe environments for children and young people. Schools and early childhood services are required to ensure that all people working or volunteering in schools and early childhood services have undertaken the relevant screening. You can check the progress and status of Department for Human services child related employment screenings through the portal: <https://www.dcsiscreening.sa.gov.au/SCApplicationStatus>.

Further information about how to consider and manage online screening applications can be found here: https://screening.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/60897/How-to-Structure-your-Organisations-Online-Portal.pdf.

Exceeding NQS Themes Guidance

If you are looking for information relating to the new Exceeding National Quality Standard (NQS) themes, there is extensive guidance available in the 2018 Guide to the National Quality Framework: <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/about/guide>.

In addition, a short video is available on the ACECQA website featuring Professor Jennifer Sumsion and Dr Jennifer Carmel who were among a panel of experts that contributed to the development of the guidance: www.acecqa.gov.au.

Assessment and Rating in the APY Lands

Last week, authorised officers assessed and rated 4 Preschools in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands and conducted monitoring visits to several other services. This has been a massive undertaking given the distances involved, and the support received from the Department for Education was invaluable. The authorised officers involved have been impressed by the quality of care and education being provided in these services despite some significant challenges, and this also means that eligible services in the APY Lands have now been assessed and rated.

ACECQA Board Reception

The ACECQA Board, who is responsible for the overall strategy, governance and performance of ACECQA, recently held their monthly Board meeting in Adelaide. Following this meeting, the Board hosted a reception at the Stamford Plaza Hotel. A number of people from across the early childhood sector were in attendance, including Board members and staff from the Education Standards Board. An address was given by the Hon John Gardner MP, SA Minister for Education, who reinforced the importance of high quality care and education. The reception was an opportunity to meet ACECQA Board members in an informal setting and discuss key issues and priorities relating to the National Quality Framework, both in SA and across the Australian children's education and care sector.

Ratios

There has been a recent increase in complaints regarding supervision and ratios not meeting regulatory requirements, particularly in the early morning and lunch times. All services are reminded of the requirement to comply with the national law and regulations in relation to staffing levels at all times.

Did you know?

Of the 1172 services in South Australia that are in the scope of the National Quality Framework, 387 are Long Day Care, 394 are Kindergarten/Preschools and 376 are Out of School Hours Care services. The remaining services are Family Day Care Services.

Schools:

CRICOS Course Fees

The National Code 2018, Standard 3 requires CRICOS schools to provide each full-fee paying overseas student with a list of tuition and non-tuition fees payable. Schools are advised to begin amending their course cost information in preparation for 2019. To update your school's course costs, use the Application for change of registration to enrol full-fee paying overseas students found on our website at <http://www.esb.sa.gov.au/forms>.

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