



**Education
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Board**



Determination of the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of South Australia

INSTRUMENT C

Made under regulation 25 of the Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Regulations 2025 (State Regulations)

This determination is made for the purposes of the conditions on service approval for Occasional Care, Rural and Schedule 1 early childhood services set by regulation 25 of the State Regulations concerning educator to child ratios and educator qualifications.

Educator Qualifications for Occasional Care and Schedule 1 early childhood services

In accordance with regulation 25 a service approval for a residual early childhood service is granted subject to the condition that the approved provider must ensure that each educator educating and caring for children at the residual early childhood service meets any qualification requirements for educators as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

This determination applies only to the following classes of residual early childhood services:
Occasional Care services
Schedule 1 early childhood services.

Educator Qualifications

1. The qualification requirements for educators at a centre-based service educating and caring for children preschool age or under are as follows—
 - a. at least 50 per cent of the educators who are required to meet the relevant educator to child ratios for the service must hold, or be actively working towards, at least an approved diploma level education and care qualification; and
 - b. all other educators who are required to meet the relevant educator to child ratios for the service must hold, or be actively working towards, at least an approved certificate III level education and care qualification.
2. The qualification requirements in subparagraph (1)(b) do not apply to an educator if the educator has been employed by an approved provider on a probationary basis for not more than 3 months, at one or more centre-based services operated by the approved provider.
3. The qualification requirements for educators at a centre-based service educating and caring for children over preschool age are the qualification requirements set out in regulation 321.
4. If Division 5 requires an early childhood teacher to be in attendance at a centre-based service, that teacher, or a person taken to be an early childhood teacher under regulation 135(1), is to be counted as meeting the requirements of subparagraph (1)(a).

5. If Division 5 requires a second early childhood teacher or a suitably qualified person to be in attendance at a centre-based service, that person, or a person taken to be a second early childhood teacher or a suitably qualified person under regulation 135(2), is to be counted as meeting the requirements of subparagraph (1)(a).

Notes

- (a) References in this determination to the National Law and National Regulations are references to the *Education and Care Services National Law (South Australia)* and the *Education and Care Services National Regulations*
- (b) Any references to **Divisions** or **regulations** in paragraphs 1-5 are references to the National Regulations
- (c) **Occasional Care service, Rural and Mobile Care service** and **Schedule 1 early childhood service** are defined in regulation 12 of the State Regulations.
- (d) Meaning of **actively working towards**—see regulation 10 of the National Regulations.
- (e) Any reference to a **centre-based service** in paragraphs 1-5 are to be taken as a reference to an Occasional Care services or Schedule 1 early childhood service as applicable
- (f) For the purposes of paragraphs 1-5, an early childhood teacher or a suitably qualified person can be included in determining the number of educators who hold an approved diploma level education and care qualification if the early childhood teacher or suitably qualified person is working directly with children.



Made by the Early Childhood Services Registrar

Delegate of the Education and Early Childhood
Services Registration and Standards Board of
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