

| Family Day Care | | | |
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| Qualification | Current legislative arrangements | National Quality Standard | Timeframe |
| Certificate III (Educator) | No minimum qualification requirement | Must hold at a minimum a Certificate III qualification (or be studying towards) | 1 January 2014 |
| Diploma (Coordinator) | Must hold at a minimum a Diploma qualification | No change – Diploma qualification | 1 January 2014 |

| Age range | Current legislative arrangements | National Quality Standard | Timeframe |
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| Mixed age groups | 1:7 with a limit of 4 children under school age (ratio includes the educator's own children under school age, but does not include the educator's own school-age children). | 1:7 with a maximum of 4 children not yet attending school. This ratio includes the educator's own children if they are under 13 and there is no other adult present to care for them. | 1 January 2016 |

| Outside School Hours Care | | | |
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| Age range | Current legislative arrangements | National Quality Standard | Timeframe |
| School age children | 1:15 For every 30 children present there must be at least one educator who holds or is working towards a minimum of a Certificate III (or a one year qualification) in a relevant area of study. Also, at least one educator who holds or is working towards a Diploma (or a 2 year qualification) in a relevant area of study must be present at all times care is being provided or if care is provided for more than 7 hours and 15 minutes, for at least that period of time. | No change | 1 January 2012 |

Additional requirements

| All services | | | |
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| Requirement | Current legislative Arrangements | National Quality Standard | Timeframe |
| Educational leader | No requirement | All services required to designate an educational leader (suitably qualified and experienced educator, co-ordinator or other individual) to lead the development and implementation of education programs in the service. For long day care and kindergarten services, early childhood teachers may be suitable to fulfil the role of educational leader. | 1 January 2012 |
| Nominated Supervisor | Depending on size and operating hours, services require a Director to be appointed and in attendance 75% of the time. | All services required to designate a Certified Supervisor ¹ as the Nominated Supervisor ² to oversee the day-to-day operation of a service at all times education and care is being provided. Services may have several Certified Supervisors and anyone of them could be appointed as the Nominated Supervisor or could act in this role. | 1 January 2012 |

1 Certified Supervisor = A person that has been granted a Supervisor Certificate by the Regulatory Authority and therefore deemed capable of being in day-to-day charge of a service, certified as a fit and proper person, and also meets the minimum requirements for age, qualifications, experience and management capabilities.

2 Nominated Supervisor = A person with a Supervisor Certificate (i.e. Certified Supervisor) who has consented to be the primary supervisor of the day-to-day operation of a service. If the Nominated Supervisor is absent, another person with a Supervisor Certificate can consent to act in the role.

More information

Further information about the NQF is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood or via email ECEC@deta.qld.gov.au.

For the latest information on the NQF sign-up to the Office's e-newsletter, A Z of Early Childhood.

The mychild.gov.au website provides information about services funded by the Australian Government in your local area including in some instances the fees they charge. The site also includes links to an online estimator to find out about your entitlement for the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.