

National Quality Framework (NQF)

Time Frame for Implementation of new National Body

Testing of assessment process

Roll out of NQF – Jan 1
National Body to be
fully operational

Universal Access to be
fully implemented by
Jan 1 2013

2010

2011

Hand over of
National Childcare
Accreditation Council
to new National Body
July 1 2011

2012

2013

Review to commence
2014

National Quality Framework

New staff-to-child ratios in Long Day Care (LDC), Pre Schools and Family Day Care (FDC)

By 2012 (LDC and Pre School)
Birth to 24 Months - 1 Staff
Member to 4 Children

By 2014 (FDC)
Mixed Age Groups - 1 Staff
Member to 7 Children

By 2016 (LDC and Pre School)
36 Months to School Age - 1 Staff Member to 11 Children
(As yet no national standards for OSHC educator-to-child ratio applies)

2012

2014

2016

**A current Staff to Child ratio of 1 to 4 in LDC and Pre School
already applies for children 25 to 35 months within Victoria.**

National Quality Framework

1. New Staff Qualification requirements (minimum training) Victoria

- One early childhood teacher to be in attendance all of the time and one early childhood teacher some of the time in long day care and preschool services (25 + children)
- 50% of staff to have gained or be working towards Diploma level early childhood qualification with the remainder of staff having gained or working towards Certificate III in Children's Services
- All Family Day Care Coordinators to have Diploma level early childhood qualifications

- A second early childhood teacher to be in attendance all of the time in long day care and preschool services being provided to more than 80 children
- A second early childhood teacher to be in attendance at least half of the time in long day care and preschool services provided to 60 children or more

2010

2014

2020

Resource

Early Childhood Qualifications Fund

Supports existing staff in licensed services to upgrade or attain early childhood qualification, by providing financial support or paid study leave. Support is also available for primary-trained teachers wanting to attain an early childhood teaching qualification. Round 3 opens 25 October, 2010 and closes 11 February, 2011.