



3.3 (g) National Quality Standards Policy

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This policy relates to	
Human Services Quality Framework	
National Quality Standards Early Childhood Education & Care	QA1, QA2, QA3, QA4, QA5, QA6, QA7 All areas

Purpose

Educators’ conditions and responsibilities are clearly stated to ensure new and existing educators are fully aware of their responsibilities

Policy

Educators in the service are required to participate in the National Quality Standard process as outlined in the National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care Handbook. All educators and families have access to the guide and information is sent through regular newsletters and emails including relevant websites. Training and assistance is provided to new educators to ensure that the minimum satisfactory indicators are included in their daily practice and that a process of continuing improvement is implemented.

New educators are required to complete training on the National Quality Standards in their first year as follow-on from their induction process. Educators are required to review their practice on a regular basis. This process will be supported by visiting coordinators. This is a self-assessment process, with ratings and quality improvement plans to be identified and documented by the educator.

Coordinators will assess the areas that educators need to develop or consider further as part of the educator’s professional development plan and the relevant checklist developed for the Standards/Framework.

The Educational leader plans for the NQS development of the program and sets the NQS meetings for ongoing quality improvements of the service.

Individual educator professional development is planned from when new educators start as part of initial assessment and is then discussed by the visiting coordinator with the educational leader to plan for further professional development with each individual educator as needed. NQS checklist is used as the development tool to progress educators.



Associated Beaucare Policies and Documents

Relevant Legislation

National Law

National Regulations

National Quality Standards

<https://www.education.gov.au/child-care-provider-handbook-0>