

ASSESSING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN FAMILY DAY CARE

THE ESSENTIAL STARTING POINT

KNOW EDUCATION AND CARE NATIONAL LAW



The approved provider/nominated supervisor must deliver a program that is based on an approved learning framework, and is delivered in a manner that accords with the approved learning framework.

The program also needs to be based on the developmental needs, interests and experiences of each child; and designed to take into account the individual differences of each child.

Penalty: \$4000, in the case of an individual. \$20,000, in any other case.

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KNOW THE REGULATIONS



*EDUCATION AND
CARE NATIONAL
REGULATIONS
Part 4.1 Educational
program
and practice*

73 Educational program

The educational program must be delivered under section 168 of the law to a child being educated and cared for by an education and care service.

The program needs to contribute to the following outcomes for each child: a strong sense of identity, connected with and contribute to his or her world, a strong sense of wellbeing, be a confident and involved learner, as well as an effective communicator.

74 Documenting of child assessments or evaluations

The approved provider of the education and care service must ensure that, for the purposes of the educational program, the following are documented:

For a child preschool age or under:

Assessments of the child's developmental needs, interests, experiences and participation in the educational program; and the child's progress against the outcomes of the educational program.

For a child over preschool age, evaluations of the child's wellbeing, development and learning, the approved provider must consider the period of time that the child is being educated and cared for by the service. How the documentation will be used by the educators at the service needs to also be taken into consideration.

The documentation must be prepared in a way that is readily understood by the educators at the service and the parents of the child.

75 Information about educational program to be kept available

Approved providers must ensure that information about the contents and operation of the educational program for the service is displayed at the education and care service premises at a place accessible to parents of children being educated and cared for by the service.

A copy of the educational program is available at the following places for inspection on request:

- In the case of a centre-based service, at the education and care service premises;
- In the case of a family day care service, at each family day care residence or family day care venue.



*Note:
A compliance
direction may be
issued for
failure to comply
with these
regulations.*

76 Information about educational program to be given to parents

On request, the approved provider of an education and care service must ensure that a parent of a child being educated and cared for by the service is provided with information about the content and operation of the educational program so far as it relates to that child.

Information about the child's participation in the program, and a copy of the documents kept under regulation 74 in respect of the child must also be given if requested