**[insert service name] on journey to raise quality standards**

[Insert service name] has been rated Working Towards National Quality Standard under the National Quality Framework.

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a national benchmark for the quality of children’s education and care services across Australia.

Services are assessed against the NQS by the state or territory regulatory authority and receive a rating for each of the seven quality areas of the NQS, as well as an overall rating.

“An overall rating of Working Towards NQS is given to services that are providing a safe education and care program but have one or more areas identified for improvement,” Director [insert name] of [insert service] said.

“[Insert service name] is focusing on improving in these areas and progressing towards the higher standards of the NQS.

“[Insert quote/s highlighting a key element of your service used in the assessment and rating report],” [insert Director name] said.

*e.g. “Our outdoor play area, nature garden and the attention educators and children give to caring for their environment were highlighted as being exceptional,” (Director name) said.*

The National Quality Framework (NQF) for early childhood education and care was agreed by all Australian governments to get better educational and development outcomes for children using education and care services.

Implementation of the NQF is guided by the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

To find out more information about the NQF and service ratings, visit the [ACECQA website](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/national-quality-framework/the-national-quality-standard) or ACECQA’s family focused website, [Starting Blocks](http://www.startingblocks.gov.au/at-child-care/child-care-ratings/).

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