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Release date	Chapter	Section/s	Summary of change
Oct-18	All	All	Clarification that state and territory icons throughout the guide indicate that information is specific to that state or territory.
Oct-18	2: Applications and Approvals	2.1 – What is an education and care service?	Further information and clarification provided in table Services out of scope of the National Quality Framework.
Oct-18	2: Applications and Approvals	1.1 – Application for provider approval	Further clarification on the definition of ‘persons with management or control’.
Oct-18	2: Applications and Approvals	1.2 – Considering an application for fitness and propriety	Further clarification on evidence of management capability provided.
Oct-18	2: Applications and Approvals	2.1 – A transport service	Explanation on transport considered part of an education and care service.
Oct-18	3: National Quality Standard and Assessment and Rating	1.3.1 – Assessment and Planning Cycle	Diagram discussing assessment and planning cycle has been amended for clarification.
Oct-18	3: National Quality Standard and Assessment and Rating	2.2.1 – Assessment guide for meeting Element 2.2.1 (for all services)	Further clarification provided surrounding safe sleep and rest practices and recommended authority.
Oct-18	4: Operational Requirements	4.2.2 – Early Childhood teacher illness or absence	Further explanation under Regulation 135 surrounding early childhood teacher illness or absence. State specific guidance provided under National Regulation 135 and 272.
Oct-18	4: Operational Requirements	4.5.6 – Responsibilities of the approved provider, nominated supervisor and family day care educator	Text amended in table Centre-based services with children preschool age and under to reflect wording of National Regulations.
Oct-18	4: Operational Requirements	7.1 – Policies and Procedures	Standards within table Required policies and procedures for all service types and table Additional policies and procedures for a family day care service, amended to reflect 2018 National Quality Standard.
Oct-18	4: Operational Requirements	7.3 – Serious incidents, change of circumstances and complaints	Removal of word ‘significant’ in places within table Serious incidents, change of circumstances and complaints to notify to reflect wording of the National Regulations.
Oct-18	7: Glossary	Preschool Program	Definition of Preschool program amended to reflect scope of the National Law.
Oct-18	7: Glossary	Officer	Definition of Officer included within the scope of the Corporations Act 2001.

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Guide amendments specific to Western Australia - October 2018

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Oct-18	All	All	WA state specific icons have been removed where no longer required due to Western Australia adopting 2018 National Quality Standard.
Oct-18	2: Applications and Approvals	1.2 – After an application has been determined	Information regarding the Duration and Effect of provider approval specific to Western Australia has been included.
Oct-18	2: Applications and Approvals	1.5 – How does an executor, legal representative guardian apply?	Clarification on the definition of executor specific to Western Australia has been included.
Oct-18	2: Applications and Approvals	2.2 – Applications for service approval including request for approval of a family day care venue	Information on date specific changes has been included for service approvals in Western Australia.
Oct-18	4: Operational Requirements	4.5.1 – Family day care co-ordinator to family day care educator ratios	Information specific to Western Australia regarding the maximum number of children in an emergency has been included.
Oct-18	4: Operational Requirements	4.5.1 – Family day care co-ordinator to family day care educator ratios	Information on date specific changes has been included for service approvals in Western Australia.
Oct-18	5: Regulatory Authority Powers	3 – Enforceable undertakings, When can it be used?	Clarification on when a person has contravened the National Law specific to Western Australia has been included.
Oct-18	5: Regulatory Authority Powers	11.2 – Before entering the premises	Information specific to Western Australia defining the scope of a magistrate has been included.