

### Family Day Care Compliance Guide in force from October 2023

## Nominated supervisor

Compliance responsibilities under the National Law and National Regulations



\* revised to reflect changes to the NQF as at 1 October 2023 (\*\*Please check the legislation for commencement dates in Western Australia)

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In addition to regulatory authorities being able to prosecute or issue an infringement notice due to confirmed breaches of the National Law and/or National Regulations, regulatory authorities also have the power to give:

- Compliance notices under section 177 of the National Law in response to confirmed breaches of provisions of the National Law and/or National Regulations; and
- Compliance directions under section 178 of the National Law in response to confirmed breaches of the National Regulations.

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#### **QA1: Educational program and practice**

| <b>Section 168</b><br>Offence relating to required<br>programs | <ul> <li>The educational program is based on and delivered in<br/>line with an approved learning framework (e.g. the Early<br/>Years Learning Framework)</li> <li>The educational program is based on the<br/>developmental needs, interests and experiences of each<br/>child and take into account the individual differences of<br/>each child</li> </ul> | <b>\$4500</b> penalty | × |
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| <b>Regulation 73</b><br>Educational program                    | <ul> <li>The educational program contributes to each child's sense of identity and wellbeing</li> <li>The educational program supports each child to be connected with their world</li> <li>The educational program supports each child to be a confident and involved learner and an effective communicator</li> </ul>                                      | ×                     | × |

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#### QA2: Children's health and safety

| <b>Section 165</b><br>Offence to inadequately<br>supervise children   | • All children being educated and cared for by the service are adequately supervised at all times that they are in the care of the service   | <b>\$11 400</b> penalty | ×                 |
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| <b>Section 167</b><br>Offence relating to protection of<br>children from harm and hazards                   | • Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children being educated and cared for by the service from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury   | <b>\$11 400</b> penalty | ×                 |
| <b>Section 170</b><br>Offence relating to unauthorised<br>persons on education and care<br>service premises | • An unauthorised person (i.e. visitor) does not remain at<br>the service premises while children are being educated<br>and cared for unless the unauthorised person is under<br>the direct supervision of an educator or other staff<br>member of the service | <b>\$1100</b> penalty   | ×                 |
| <b>Section 171</b><br>Offence relating to direction to<br>exclude inappropriate persons                     | <ul> <li>Any person deemed inappropriate by the Regulatory<br/>Authority is excluded from the service premises while<br/>children are being educated and cared for at the<br/>premises</li> </ul>  | <b>\$11 400</b> penalty | ×                 |
| <b>Regulation 77</b><br>Health, hygiene and safe<br>food practices  | <ul> <li>Adequate health and hygiene practices are<br/>implemented by all staff members and volunteers</li> <li>Safe practices for handling, preparing and storing food<br/>are implemented by all staff members and volunteers</li> </ul>                     | <b>\$2200</b> penalty   | <b>\$220</b> fine |
| <b>Regulation 78</b><br>Food and beverages  | Children in attendance have access to safe drinking water at all times and are offered food and beverages regularly throughout the day   | <b>\$2200</b> penalty   | ×                 |

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| <b>Regulation 79</b><br>Service providing food<br>and beverages  | <ul> <li>Food and beverages are nutritious and adequate in<br/>quantity and take into account each child's growth<br/>and development needs and any cultural or health</li> </ul>    |   | $\left  \times \right $                          |
| Note: Only relates to services<br>that provide food or beverages<br>to children in attendance                          | requirements   | <b>\$2200</b> penalty                                 |  |
| <b>Regulation 80</b><br>W <b>ee</b> kly menu   | • A weekly menu is displayed at a place in the residence<br>or venue that is accessible to parents of children in<br>attendance  | $\overline{\checkmark}$                               | $\overline{\checkmark}$                          |
| Note: Only relates to services<br>that provide food or beverages<br>to children in attendance                          | • The menu accurately describes the food and beverages that will be provided by the service each day   | <b>\$1100</b> penalty                                 | <b>\$110</b> fine                                |
| <b>Regulation 83</b><br>Staff members and family   | They do not consume alcohol while educating and caring for children for the service  | $\square$   | $\times$   |
| day care educators not to be<br>affected by alcohol or drugs   | • They are not affected by alcohol or drugs (including prescription medication) so as to impair their capacity to supervise or provide education and care to children at the service | <b>\$2200</b> penalty                                 | <b>\$220</b> fine                                |
| <b>Regulation 84A</b><br>Sleep and rest  | • The needs for sleep and rest of children being educated and cared for by the service are met, having regard to the ages, development stages and individual needs of the children   | <b>\$1100</b> penalty                                 | $\left  \times \right $                          |
| <b>Regulation 84D</b><br>Prohibition of bassinets  | • A bassinet is not on the education and care service premises at any time during which children are being educated and cared for by the service.                                    | $\overline{\checkmark}$                               |  |
|  |  | <b>\$2200</b> penalty                                 | <b>\$220</b> fine                                |

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| <b>Regulation 93</b><br>Administration of medication  | <ul> <li>Medication is not administered to a child being educated and cared for at the residence or venue unless:</li> <li>» the administration is authorised, and</li> <li>» the medication is administered in accordance with: the procedure for administration at regulation 95 or the procedure for self-administration at regulation 96</li> </ul> | <b>\$2200</b> penalty                                 | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 94</b><br>Exception to authorisation<br>requirement in the case<br>of anaphylaxis or asthma<br>emergency              | • If medication is administered to a child without<br>authorisation because of anaphylaxis or an asthma<br>emergency, the parent of the child and emergency<br>services are notified as soon as practicable   | ×   | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 99</b><br>Children leaving the education<br>and care service premises<br>Note: does not apply in Western<br>Australia | • A child in attendance does not leave the residence<br>or venue except for one of the reasons outlined at<br>regulation 99   | \$2200 penalty on request                             | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 100</b><br>Risk assessment must be<br>conducted before excursion  | • They carry out a risk assessment in accordance with regulation 101 before seeking authorisation for an excursion under regulation 102   | <b>\$2200</b> penalty                                 | ×  |

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| compliance with the following<br>components of the National<br>Law (section) and National<br>Regulations (regulation)     | Each nominated supervisor must ensure that:   | Prosecution in a court or tribunal<br>Penalty for non-compliance with<br>section or regulation | Issue infringement notice<br>Maximum fine associated with<br>infringement notice |
| <b>Regulation 101</b><br>Conduct a risk assessment<br>for excursion   | <ul> <li>A risk assessment for an excursion identifies and assesses risks that the excursion may pose to the safety, health or wellbeing of any child being taken on the excursion and specifies how these risks will be managed and minimised</li> <li>The risk assessment considers the items outlined at regulation 101</li> </ul>             | ×  | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 102</b><br>Authorisation for excursions   | <ul> <li>A child who is being educated and cared for at the residence or venue is not taken outside the service premises on an excursion without written authorisation</li> <li>The written authorisation for each child includes the information outlined at regulation 102</li> </ul>   | <b>\$1100</b> penalty  | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 102B</b><br>Transport risk assessment must<br>be conducted before service<br>transports child               | • A risk assessment is carried out in accordance with regulation 102C before an authorisation referred to in regulation 102D(4) is sought to transport a child.   | <b>\$2200</b> penalty  | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 102C</b><br>Conduct of risk assessment for<br>transporting of children by the<br>education and care service | <ul> <li>The risk assessment identifies and assesses risks that<br/>the transportation of a child may pose to the safety,<br/>health or wellbeing of the child, and specifies how the<br/>identified risks will be managed and minimised</li> <li>The risk assessment considers the items outlined at<br/>regulation 102C</li> </ul>              | ×  | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 102D</b><br>Authorisation for service to<br>transport children  | <ul> <li>A child being educated and cared for by the service<br/>is not transported by the service or on transportation<br/>arranged by the service unless written authorisation has<br/>been given under subregulation (4)</li> <li>The written authorisation for each child includes the<br/>information outlined at regulation 102D</li> </ul> | <b>1100</b> penalty  | ×  |

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#### QA4: Staffing arrangements

| Regulation 117B<br>Minimum requirements for a<br>person in day-to-day charge  | A person is not placed in day-to-day charge of the service unless the person is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements outlined at regulation 117B  | ×                       | × |
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| Section 169(3)<br>Offence relating to staffing<br>arrangements  | Ratio requirements at regulation 124 are maintained  | <b>\$11 400</b> penalty | × |
| Section 169(4)<br>Offence relating to staffing<br>arrangements  | Each family day care educator meets the qualification requirements prescribed at regulation 127 and the first aid qualifications prescribed at regulation 136  | <b>\$11 400</b> penalty | × |
| <b>Regulation 124</b><br>Educator-to-child ratios – family<br>day care services   | <ul> <li>No more than 7 children are educated and cared for at a family day care residence or venue at any one time</li> <li>No more than 4 children are preschool age or under</li> <li>This includes the educator's own children or other</li> </ul> | ×                       | × |
| Note: This regulation allows<br>flexibility in exceptional<br>circumstances, refer to<br>regulation 124, sections 5 and 6 | children at the residence if those children are under 13<br>years age and no other adults are present and caring for<br>the children   |                         |   |

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| <b>Regulation 127</b><br>Family day care educator<br>qualifications  | <ul> <li>New family day care educators hold an approved certificate III level (or higher) qualification prior to commencing their role in a family day care service and they cannot be 'actively working towards' a qualification.</li> <li>NOTE: Existing educators currently engaged at a family day care service have until 1 July 2024 to complete an approved qualification*.</li> <li>*This does not apply to South Australia</li> <li>** Please check the legislation for the commencement date in WA.</li> </ul>   | ×   | ×  |
| <b>Regulation 136</b><br>First aid qualifications  | <ul> <li>Each family day care educator holds a current approved first aid qualification, has undertaken current approved anaphylaxis management training, and has undertaken current approved emergency asthma management training</li> <li>The following qualifications must be completed within the previous three years to be considered current:         <ul> <li>Approved first aid qualifications (except for a qualification that relates to emergency life support and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, which must be completed within the previous year)</li> <li>Approved anaphylaxis management training</li> <li>Approved emergency asthma management training</li> <li>Note: Approved providers have until 1 April 2024 to undertake any necessary training to ensure first aid qualifications and anaphylaxis and asthma management training are current, as per the above timeframes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | X   |  |

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| QA5: Relationships with children   |  |   |  |

| Section 166<br>Inappropriate discipline                       | • No child being educated and cared for by the service is subjected to any form of corporal punishment or any discipline that is unreasonable in the circumstances | <b>\$11 400</b> penalty | × |  |
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| QA6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities |  |                         |   |  |

| Regulation 157       •         Access for parents       • | <ul> <li>A parent may enter the residence or venue at any time that their child is in attendance at the residence or venue except if:</li> <li>(a) Permitting the parent's entry would: <ol> <li>Pose a risk to the safety of the children and staff of the education and care service; or</li> <li>Conflict with any duty of the supervisor under the Law; or</li> </ol> </li> <li>(b) The supervisor reasonably believes that permitting</li> </ul> | <b>\$1100</b> penalty | × |
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|   | the parent's entry would contravene a court order   |                       |   |

