

# WHO, WHAT & BY WHEN

## YOUR HANDY CHANGE TIMELINE



### Your guide to changes as a result of the National Quality Agenda

(COAG National Partnership Agreement on The National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care)

### UPDATED TIMETABLE OF CHANGES

**N.B.** Community Child Care Co-operative has taken all care with compiling this table and dates, but services should make their own enquiries on issues that affect them.

#### You asked for it!

Community Child Care always tries to respond to members' requests, so when a number of services approached us for a timeline for sector changes, of course we agreed — and here it is.

Change	New measure	Affected services	Action services need to take	When
<b>Changes to Ratios</b>	1-5 for toddlers	LDCs and preschools	Implement 1:5 for toddlers	January 2016
	FDC ratios	FDC	Each Carer to have a 1:7 ratio with a maximum of four children not yet attending school	January 2014
<b>Changes to Qualifications</b>	Teachers	Services with under 25 children	Service must have access to a teacher 20% of the time the service is open	January 2014
		Services with 25-29 children	An Early Childhood Teacher must be in attendance for six hours per day if the service is open less than 50 hours per week, or 60% if open for more than 50 hours per week	January 2014
	Cert III	All LDCs and preschools	All staff to have a Certificate III (or be getting one)	January 2014
		FDC	All carers to have a minimum Certificate III or getting one	January 2014
Diploma	All LDCs and preschools	50% of staff to have a Diploma (or teaching degree (or getting one)	January 2014	
	FDC	All coordinators to have a Diploma (or degree)	January 2014	
<b>Assessment</b>	Assessment against the National Quality Standard	LDC, OOSH, FDC and preschools	Be assessed against the new National Quality Standard	From the middle of 2012. All services to have first assessment by mid-2015.
<b>Regulation</b>	Current regulation extended	All licensed services	Abide by current Regulation	Until the end of 2011
	New national regulatory system	LDC, OOSH, FDC and preschools	Abide by new Regulation	January 2012
<b>Approval to Operate</b>	Services need a Provider Approval and a Service Approval to operate	LDC, OOSH, FDC and preschools	Nothing if already licensed. Services with licenses will automatically be granted both approvals.	January 2012
<b>Quality Improvement Plan</b>	Services need to complete an annual Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)	LDC, OOSH, FDC and preschools	Undertake self-assessment and complete QIP	First QIP must be completed by April 30 2012 and only submitted to the Department when the notice of assessment is received
<b>New national body – Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)</b>	Establishment of national body, with joint governance arrangements, responsible for guiding the national system	All services	Services are not required to do anything	Fully operational from 1 January 2012
<b>Early Years Learning Framework</b>	Implementation of the EYLF in services	All early years services	Implement the EYLF	Can be implemented from now – will be assessed as part of National Quality Framework from January 2012
<b>School Age Care Framework</b>	Implementation of the SACF in services	Any services with school aged children	Implement the SACF	Can be implemented from now – will be assessed as part of National Quality Framework from January 2012

#### Changes as a result of Universal Access (COAG Bilateral Agreement on Achieving Universal Access to Early Childhood Education)

Change	New measure	Affected services	Action services need to take	When
<b>Access</b>	Universal Access to be achieved	All offering preschool programs	Move towards 15-hour access with program delivered by 3YT teacher	30 June 2013
<b>Attendance</b>	Children attending 15 hours per week		Offer 15-hour programs	Progressively between now and 2013
<b>Qualifications</b>	Increase in number of 4 year trained teachers		Unclear at this stage	2013 and beyond