

# Be quick to get the funding that is now available!

Call ECTARC today to see how you can achieve the Certificate III or upgrade to the Diploma with funding from the NSW government.

## Why is the funding available

### All workers in licensed children's services providers will be required to either hold or be working towards a qualification

at Certificate III level in Children's Services or above by January 2014 as directed by the Council of Australian Governments. From January 2014 coordinators in family day care services are also required to hold a Diploma of Children's Services and at least 12 months subsequent work experience.

To help meet these requirements, the NSW Government is implementing a strategy to assist workers get qualified. Workers without formal qualifications will have the opportunity to receive recognition for their current skills and training to address any skill gaps. NSW State Training Services has funding support available for eligible participants to assist with the costs of upskilling to the Certificate III in Children's Services and the Diploma of Children's Services (Early childhood education and care). Note: Please be aware that there are some compulsory fees associated with the funded training programs, as set down by NSW State Training Services, which all training organisations are required to charge.

## 2 ways to achieve a qualification

1. **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)** - this involves getting workers recognised for the skills they have already gained on the job. Call for a chat with an ECTARC Training & Development Officer about the RPL process and discuss which assessment option would best meet your needs. The NSW Community Services & Health ITAB also has a fantastic FREE online resource, ALL IN A DAYS WORK, to help early childhood educators to assess whether they are eligible for RPL. The resource gives scenarios and examples of evidence to be collected and submitted to ECTARC after enrolment. Access this resource at <http://workplaceskills.com.au/moodle/>

2. **Training via distance study** is available to those already working in children's services to be upskilled to either the Certificate III in Children's Services or the Diploma of Children's Services. This may be through a traineeship pathway, either as a New Entrant or Existing Worker.

Call 02 4223 1111 or email [info@ectarc.com.au](mailto:info@ectarc.com.au) for more information about these funded training opportunities.

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