

Do you or your staff need to gain a qualification to meet the new NQF standards?

One of the key changes under the National Quality Framework is the introduction of new requirements for early childhood education and care services to have more highly qualified staff. These new requirements must be met by 1 January 2014 and are listed below:

- Within each long day care centre or preschool, half of all staff will need to have (or to be actively working towards) a diploma-level early childhood education and care qualification or above, and the remaining staff will all be required to have (or be actively working towards) a Certificate III level early childhood education and care qualification, or equivalent.
- All family day care coordinators will need to have a diploma-level early childhood education and care qualification or above. All family day carers will be required to have (or be actively working towards) a Certificate III level early childhood education and care qualification, or equivalent.

ECTARC offers many different pathways to achieve these qualifications.

- **Traineeships & Apprenticeships** - Did you know there is funding available for existing workers to undertake Certificate and Diploma qualifications? Call ECTARC today to find out what employer incentives and funding opportunities are available.
- **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)** - Have you worked in the early childhood industry for a number of years? The RPL process involves providing evidence to ECTARC that demonstrates that you have the knowledge and skills that meets all the criteria to achieve all or part of a qualification. Speak to an ECTARC Training Officer to learn more about the RPL assessment path or visit the RPL page on the ECTARC website.
- **Distance Study** - study a Certificate III or Diploma qualification at your leisure from home. Receive your learning materials in the mail and work through each assessment task. Assessment tasks can be emailed or handwritten and posted to ECTARC. An ECTARC Training Officer is always available during business hours and Tuesday nights 5-7pm to answer questions and support trainees and distance students. Visit the ECTARC website for information about each of children's services qualifications.

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