# Service provider organisation—early childhood education program delivered by a qualified teacher



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# Service provider organisation—early childhood education program delivered by a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no code N

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

**Short name:** Early childhood education program delivered by a qualified teacher indicator

METEOR identifier: 731377

**Registration status:** Early Childhood, Superseded 02/12/2020

**Definition:** An indicator of whether an <u>early childhood education program</u> was delivered by

a **<u>qualified early childhood teacher</u>** who meets the National Quality Framework

requirements, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Service provider organisation—early childhood education program delivered by a

qualified teacher indicator

Value Domain: Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

#### Value domain attributes

#### Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Value Meaning

Permissible values: 1 Yes

2 No

**Supplementary values:** 9 Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is not for use in primary data collections.

#### Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 - Yes

Record if the early childhood education program was delivered during the reference period by at least one qualified early childhood teacher who meets the National Quality Framework requirements.

 Service waivers: Record '1' if the service provider possesses a service waiver because the service provider is unable to meet the staff qualification requirements under the National Quality Framework.

Temporary waivers: Record '1' if the service provider possesses, or

is in the process of applying for, a temporary waiver because the service provider is unable to meet the staff qualification requirements under the National Quality Framework, but provides the early childhood education program during the reference period through delivery by one or more qualified early childhood teachers who meet the National Quality Framework requirements.

#### CODE 2 - No

Record if the early childhood education program was not delivered during the reference period by a qualified early childhood teacher who meets the National Quality Framework requirements. This includes:

- Service waivers: Record '2' if the service provider is in the process of applying for a service waiver because the service provider is unable to meet the staff qualification requirements under the National Quality Framework, but a service waiver has not yet been approved.
  - Temporary waivers: Record '2' if the service provider possesses, or is in the process of applying for, a temporary waiver because the service provider is unable to meet the staff qualification requirements under the National Quality Framework and does not during the reference period provide the early childhood education program through delivery by one or more qualified early childhood teachers who meet the National Quality Framework requirements.
    - People actively working towards an early childhood teaching qualification: Record '2' if the person delivering the early childhood education program is 'actively working towards' an approved diploma or early childhood teaching qualification, as defined by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA), but has not completed this qualification.

**Qualified early childhood teacher:** A qualified early childhood teacher is a degree qualified teacher who meets the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care (the National Quality Framework) requirements. This includes:

- A person who holds an approved early childhood teaching qualification that is in the list of approved, and former approved, early childhood teaching qualifications published by ACECQA.
  - A person who has an 'equivalent' early childhood teaching qualification, as defined by ACECQA.
    - A person who is otherwise deemed to have the necessary skills and qualifications to be employed as an early childhood teacher by the jurisdiction or by ACECQA.

Delivery (of an early childhood education program) refers to face-to-face delivery of an early childhood education program or distance early childhood education program for at least one hour per week during the reference period by an early childhood education contact worker. Includes teachers who are usually present to deliver a face-to-face or distance education early childhood education program, but may have been absent during the reference period due to illness or extended holiday leave and are expected to return. Excludes relief teachers who are not present at the early childhood education and care service (i.e. not delivering a face-to-face early childhood education program) during the reference period.

People actively working towards an early childhood teaching qualification: if the person is 'actively working towards' an approved diploma or early childhood teaching qualification, as defined by

ACECQA, but has not completed this qualification, then they are not considered to be a qualified early childhood teacher.

Waivers: If an early childhood education program service provider is unable to meet the staff qualification requirements under the National Quality Framework, for example, if the usual qualified teacher was unavailable and no suitably qualified staff could be found to deliver the program in the reference period, they can apply to their state or territory regulatory authority for a service waiver or a temporary waiver. A service waiver has no specific expiry date. A temporary waiver applies for no more than 12 months. Jurisdictions not covered by ACECQA may have a comparative waiver system in place.

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Steward: Data Strategy Group (DSG)

Relational attributes

Related metadata

references:

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