



Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety

Children's health and safety while attending a children's education and care service is paramount. Your child should be safely supervised and feel secure all day, every day.

Under the National Quality Framework all children's education and care services must have policies and procedures on healthy eating, children's safety, dealing with any injury or illness and preventing harm to children.

Each child should be adequately supervised and learning and physical environments need to be safe and secure with precautions taken to protect children from illness and hazards.

Food and drinks provided by the service must be nutritious and physical activity should be embedded in the program to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Plans should also be in place to manage incidents and emergencies and effective hygiene practices should be implemented to ensure each child's safety and wellbeing is maintained.

For examples on what to look for at your child's service, check out our [poster](#) on Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety.



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NEW NQF POSTER TRANSLATED INTO 14 LANGUAGES

Our poster on the seven quality areas in the National Quality Standard has been translated into 14 languages.

The poster can be downloaded and printed from the ACECQA [website](#).

Latest data on quality education and care services available

ACECQA has released its fourth national report on children's education and care services assessed and rated against the National Quality Standard (NQS). The *NQF Snapshot Q4 2013*, provides analysis and information on the state of the sector, progress of assessment and rating, quality ratings of services and waivers held by services.

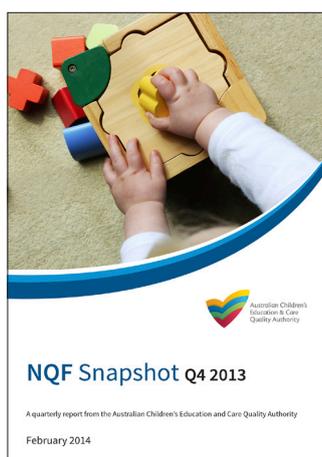
As at 31 December 2013, the report shows:

- there are 14 116 children's education and care services across Australia
- 32% of children's education and care services have received a quality rating against the NQS
- nearly 60% of rated services are rated as Meeting or Exceeding NQS.

Over time, all children's education and care services will be quality assessed and rated.

To find out the latest ratings in your local area, search the [National Registers](#) on the ACECQA website. These figures are updated weekly and services are required to display their ratings on site.

You can download and read the full Snapshot report [here](#).



VIDEOS ON THE NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK TO HELP FAMILIES

Thirteen short videos on the National Quality Framework (NQF) are available on ACECQA's [website](#) to help families understand what the NQF means for their child.

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? **WHY IS IT
IMPORTANT?**
Families can be
confident that
their children are
in safe and healthy
environments

Your child's safety and health are important all day, every day. Your child will be safely supervised and will feel secure.

Examples of what to look for:

- Your child's service takes precautions to protect children from illness and hazards.
- Food and drinks provided by the service are nutritious and appropriate for children.

The **National Quality Framework** introduces a new quality standard to improve children's education and care services across Australia. Seven quality areas help ensure your child is given the best possible start in life. Over time, all Australian services will be rated against the National Quality Standard.

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