



NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK ANNUAL AND TRANSACTION FEES

The National Quality Framework fee structure replaces all jurisdiction-based licence or approval fees and the National Childcare Accreditation Council fees.

The new fee structure

The new fee structure is designed to be simple, efficient, equitable and sustainable, and provide certainty for services.

The objectives of the fee structure are:

- to set a nationally consistent fee structure that will provide some funding for the activities of Regulatory Authorities and the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)
- to streamline all fees to make it simpler and easier for services
- to provide certainty for services about costs
- to create a fee structure where those with a greater capacity to pay will bear a greater proportion of the cost.

In determining the fees, careful consideration was given to minimising the impact on the operating budgets of education and care services, while ensuring sufficient revenue is generated to support the activities of Regulatory Authorities and ACECQA.

Fees fall into two categories:

- the annual service fee, which will apply to all services regulated under the National Quality Framework
- transaction fees, which are individual fees that apply to specific transactions.

Annual service fee

To keep arrangements as simple as possible, the annual fee takes into account the cost of many functions and activities performed by the Regulatory Authority, including:

- the national quality rating and assessment process
- monitoring and compliance activities
- internal review of decisions
- many basic transactions, such as applications to vary or amend service and provider approvals.

Transaction fees

Transaction fees apply to specific applications and are payable when the application is made.

For example, transaction fees apply to applications for provider approval, service approval and supervisor certificates, applications for temporary waivers and service waivers, and transfers of service approvals.

Other important information

- The new fee structure commences on 1 January 2012.
- The annual service fee is payable by 1 July each year.
- The fee structure for family day care is different from that for centre-based services (which cover long day care, preschool and outside school hours services).
- Some fees have different levels based on the size of the service because the relevant regulatory activity (such as assessment and ratings) will generally involve more work for larger services compared to smaller services.
- Regulatory Authorities and ACECQA have the power to waive, reduce or defer fees in exceptional circumstances.
- Fees are indexed annually from 1 July 2013

Contact your state or territory Regulatory Authority for further information. The contact details for your Regulatory Authority are available on the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority's website at www.acecqa.gov.au.



Table: Fees

Transaction	Centre-based service (maximum number of children who can be cared for at any one time)			Family day care service (number of family day care educators)		
	<25	25–80	>80	<6	6–20	>20
Annual service fees	\$185	\$275	\$365	\$185	\$275	\$365
Application for service approval	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$600		
Application for amendment of service approval	Nil					
Application for highest rating (<i>Excellent</i>)	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$200	\$400	\$600
Reapplication for highest rating						
Application for reassessment and rerating						
Application for review by the Ratings Review Panel of rating level	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$400	\$600	\$800
Notification of transfer of service approval	\$100					
Application to voluntarily suspend service approval	Nil					
Application for service waiver	\$100					
Application for temporary waiver	\$100					
Application for review by Regulatory Authority of rating level	Nil					
Other transactions						
Transaction	Fee					
Application for provider approval	\$200					
Application for amendment of provider approval	Nil					
Application to voluntarily suspend provider approval	Nil					
Application to approve executor as approved provider	Nil					
Application to approve legal personal representative or guardian as Approved Provider	Nil					
Application for supervisor certificate	\$30					
Application for amendment of supervisor certificate	Nil					
Application to voluntarily suspend supervisor certificate	Nil					
Application for determination of equivalent qualification	\$100					
Request for a copy of or extract from the register of Approved Providers or Approved Education and Care Services	\$5 per page or \$65 for an electronic copy					
Request for a copy of or extract from the register of Certified Supervisors	\$5 per page or \$65 for an electronic copy					
Application for an assessment of a course to be included as an approved qualification	\$2000					