



## NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW OF APPROVALS

Under the National Quality Framework, state and territory Regulatory Authorities are responsible for the approval process.

The National Law determines three interrelated approval processes for entities and individuals:

- **provider approval**, which is nationally recognised and enables providers to apply for one or more service approvals
- **service approval**, which authorises an Approved Provider to operate an Approved Service. Note that each Approved Service must have a Nominated Supervisor
- a **supervisor certificate**, which is a nationally recognised approval that allows a person to be appointed as the Nominated Supervisor for an Approved Service or to be temporarily placed in charge when the Approved Provider or Nominated Supervisor is absent.

An Approved Provider may obtain a Supervisor Certificate and be the Nominated Supervisor for their service or the Approved Provider may employ an educator with a Supervisor Certificate who consents to fill the Nominated Supervisor role.

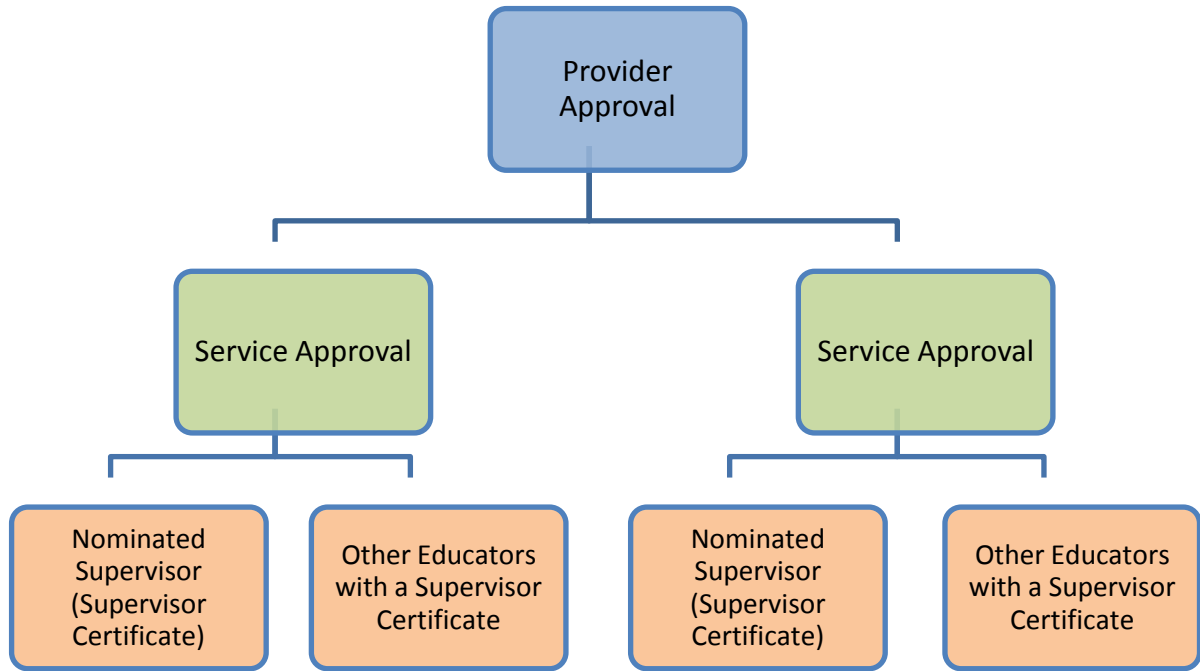
- **Existing services that are licensed or have approval to operate in their state and territory licensing system do not need to apply for approval. The Regulatory Authority in your state or territory will contact existing services about moving into the National Quality Framework.**

The National Quality Framework approval system is designed to be efficient and effective so that services have more time to focus on delivering a quality service.

The aim of the new approval system is to provide services with a process that is consistent around Australia, nationally recognised, easily maintained and cost effective.

The approval system is based on the objectives of:

- reducing duplication between existing licensing/approval systems and the quality assurance system
  - streamlining processes for providers operating services in more than one state or territory
  - making it easier for the education and care workforce to work across states and territories
  - enabling services to deal primarily with one Regulatory Authority.
- **Contact your state or territory Regulatory Authority for further information on approvals. The contact details for Regulatory Authorities are available on the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority's website at [www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au).**



The diagram above illustrates the three inter-related approvals required to operate a service under the National Law. These three approvals are granted by the state or territory Regulatory Authority. In this example, one approved provider operates two approved services. Each approved service has a Nominated Supervisor with a Supervisor Certificate and other educators with a Supervisor Certificate who may be placed in charge of the service when the Approved Provider or Nominated Supervisor is absent.