

GLOSSARY

Family Day Care

Family Day Care (FDC) offers flexible home-based education and care for children via a network of FDC educators. Many FDC providers are responsible for their own recruitment, training and employee support, as well as the administrative aspects of the National Quality Framework (NQF). FDC providers can provide all day, part-time, casual, overnight and before and after school care, if required. Like other providers, FDC services must comply with the Education and Care Services National Law (the National Law) and the Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011 (National Regulations).

Long Day Care

Long Day Care (LDC) or centre-based child care, operates between 7.30 pm and 6 pm. Many LDC centres offer either part or full day care, or morning or afternoon sessions. Many LDC providers in Australia are run by private companies, local councils, community organisations, individuals or not-for-profit organisations.

National Quality Framework

The NQF is the national system underpinned by the National Law and the National Regulations. Under the NQF, services are required to display their rating, and ratings are published by Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and on the MyChild website.

Occasional Care

Occasional Care offers professional care for children on a casual basis. This service is suitable for families who do not need child care on a regular basis but would like someone to look after their children occasionally.

Outside School Hours Care

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) or Out-of-School Hours care provide services to mostly primary school aged children, before and after school hours during school holidays or pupil free days. Many centres are co-located with primary schools, in halls or playgrounds.

Key reference

Department of Education, *What are my child care and early learning options?*, <http://www.mychild.gov.au/sites/mychild/childcare-information/pages/options> (accessed 14 July 2014).