

Qualifications for OSHC services

Each state and territory has its own qualification requirements for working with school age children in out of school hours care services.

children.

- x The minimum educator-to-child ratio for any preschool age children is 1:11.
- x Where an OSHC is caring for children of both preschool age and

At least one educator (present at all times the service is operating) must hold an approved diploma qualification (or higher) as detailed below. This person, known as a first educator, must hold an approved qualification listed by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) or SA.

Where 30 or more children attend a service, the first educator must hold an approved qualification as identified above. In addition, the service must have another educator who holds at least an approved certificate III or IV in education, disability or care for every 1 educator to 30 children. These educators, known as the second and subsequent educators, must hold a qualification from the [approved ACEQA list](#) for second and subsequent educators or a higher qualification from the first educator list.

Any other educators required to meet ratio requirements do not need to hold a qualification

First educator qualification

Qualifications listed for a first educator are diploma equivalent level or higher.

The list of qualifications includes any

Non-Australian qualifications will continue to be assessed by ACECQA (a cost is involved).

All previously listed qualifications for SA continue to be recognised.

The qualifications specific to SA are listed on the [ACECQA website](#)

Examples of first educator qualifications

Examples of Australian Universities/Registered Training Organisation	Education and Care	Behavioural and social sciences	Community services	Health and allied health	Sport and recreation	Creative arts
University of South Australia	Bachelor					

Examples of second educator qualifications

To understand if a qualification is relevant as a second or subsequent educator for OSHC consider:

1. Is it from an Australian University or

school age children
(maximum 60)

- x 1 first educator
- x 1 second educator
- x 2