

## Early Childhood Education Weekly Update

14 June 2022

### What you need to know this week:

- The Decision Regulation Impact Statement for the 2019 NQF Review has been published
- Ningenah No More applications extended – now closing 24 June 2022
- Flood grant support sessions available this week in Lismore and Casino
- Applications are open for the NGO Flood Support Program

## Sector wide updates

### 2019 National Quality Framework Review

To ensure that the National Quality Framework (NQF) remains current and fit for purpose, a national review of the regulatory framework commenced in 2019, including two rounds of consultation with the education and care sector, families, peak organisations and the broader community.

The Review made recommendations for regulatory changes in the following broad areas:

- strengthening the safety of children in education and care services
- improved safety and oversight in Family Day Care (FDC)

- improved oversight and compliance tools for Regulatory Authorities
- reducing burden for early childhood services
- updates to fees associated with regulatory applications and functions
- increases in penalties to keep pace with inflation
- minor and technical amendments to clarify existing provisions

On 6 May 2022, Education Ministers approved the Decision Regulation Impact Statement (DRIS), including the recommended changes of the NQF. The majority of changes are expected to come into effect from mid-2023.

#### **More information**

For further information about the 2019 NQF Review, please visit [the DRIS](#) and a list of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

## **Ninganah No More applications extended - now closing 24 June**

Round 2 of the 2022-25 Ninganah No More Grants Program is currently open for applications. The current round was due to close on 10 June, however applications have been extended for an extra two weeks to enable a number of applicants to submit their applications. The grant round will now close on 24 June 2022.

If you are intending to apply we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Please check the [eligibility criteria](#) before you begin an application.

What to do next

Submit your application through the [SmartyGrants application portal](#).

More information

More information can be found on the [Ninganah No More web page](#). If you have any further questions, please contact [AboriginalprogramsECED@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:AboriginalprogramsECED@det.nsw.edu.au).

## Northern Rivers Flood Grant support sessions

Flood grant support sessions will be available in Lismore and Casino from Wednesday 15 June to Friday 17 June. Residents and business owners in flood-affected areas of the Northern Rivers can book a personalised 45-minute session with a NSW Government Customer Care Advisor or Business Concierge.

Customers will be able to discuss new or existing flood grant applications, and have their questions on eligibility, documentation and evidence requirements answered.

The sessions will take place at:

- Casino Golf Club, 147 West St, Casino NSW 2470
- Southern Cross Enterprise Lab – Block A, Southern Cross University, Military Road, East Lismore NSW 2480.

Customers can call Service NSW on 13 77 88 to book a session.

### More information

To find out more, visit the [Service NSW website](#).

## NGO Flood Support Program for Northern Rivers

The NGO Flood Support Program is available to help support critical service delivery by non-government organisations impacted by the recent floods.

Community, volunteer or not-for-profit organisations operating in Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley or Tweed local government areas (LGAs), that deliver services to individuals, families and communities recovering from the impacts of storms and floods, may be eligible to apply.

Applications close 27 June 2022.

### More information

To find out more, visit the [Department of Communities and Justice website](#).

## Don't forget

- Applications for the [Multicultural Support Program](#) are now open. Submit an [application form](#) online.
- [Register now](#) for the Australian Childhood Foundation's Responding to Trauma training.

## Families Corner

We're sharing resources made especially for families to increase their knowledge on the early childhood education and care sector. This is something you can take and pass on to families via your own communication channels.

- The [Inclusive Learning Support Hub](#) features guidance and resources to help parents/carers of children with additional needs to access support for their children during early childhood education. The Hub also features our pre-enrolment tool, which generates a personalised timeline to help families know when to contact their local school and enrol their child.

- NSW Health has a [Safe Sleeping for Your Baby](#) brochure to provide safe sleeping messages for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

## For more information

If you have any questions about your service operation you can contact the Information and Enquiries team on 1800 619 113 or by emailing [ececd@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ececd@det.nsw.edu.au).

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