ASSESSMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CARE SERVICES

Under the National Quality Framework all Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, Family Day Care and Preschool services must be assessed and rated for the first time between June 2012 and June 2015. Services will be assessed and rated for the second and subsequent time according to the outcome of their first assessment: the more highly rated they are the greater the time until their next assessment. This approach is based on the principle of earned autonomy.

Services selected to participate in the first assessment and rating process have been notified by letter from the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards (EECSRS) Board of SA.

A second round of assessments is planned for later in the year. This is likely to be after October.

The ACECQA website has a range of support information available to schools including an outline of the Assessment and Rating process. These documents can be accessed at http://acecqa.gov.au/national-quality-framework/information-sheets/.

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