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Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Citation

These regulations are the *Children and Community Services (Early Childhood Care) Regulations 2006*.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation on the day on which the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* section 250 comes into operation.

[3-6. Have not come into operation².]

[Parts 2-5 have not come into operation².]

[Schedule 1 has not come into operation².]

Notes

- ¹ This is a compilation of the *Children and Community Services (Early Childhood Care) Regulations 2006*. The following table contains information about those regulations ^{1a}.

Compilation table

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Children and Community Services (Early Childhood Care) Regulations 2006</i> r. 1-2	18 Jan 2006 p. 125-90	18 Jan 2006

- ^{1a} On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, provisions referred to in the following table had not come into operation and were therefore not included in this compilation. For the text of the provisions see the endnotes referred to in the table.

Provisions that have not come into operation

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Children and Community Services (Early Childhood Care) Regulations 2006</i> r. 3-6, Pt. 2-5 and Sch. 1 ²	18 Jan 2006 p. 125-90	Operative on commencement of Act No. 34 of 2004 s. 250

- ² On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, the *Children and Community Services (Early Childhood Care) Regulations 2006* r. 3-6, Pt. 2-5 and Sch. 1 had not come into operation. They read as follows:

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3. Terms used in these regulations

In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears —

“**care session**” means a discrete period during which children are in the care of an early childhood care service;

“**contact staff member**” —

- (a) means a person employed by the licensee to take direct care of enrolled children;
- (b) when the licensee is personally taking direct care of enrolled children, includes the licensee; and
- (c) when a supervising officer is personally taking direct care of enrolled children, includes the supervising officer;

- “current assessment notice”** means an assessment notice issued under the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004* section 12(1)(a) not more than 3 years before the material time;
- “current criminal record check”** means a criminal record check issued not more than 2 years before the material time;
- “early childhood care licence”** means a licence granted under the Act section 205(1) authorising the provision of an early childhood care service;
- “early childhood care service”** means a child care service provided for a child who will not reach 8 years and 6 months of age by the end of the year in which the service is provided;
- “enrolled child”** means a child for whom the child care service is provided by the early childhood care service;
- “first aid qualifications”** means a certificate or other evidence of successful completion of first aid training in at least the following subjects —
- (a) cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
 - (b) expired air resuscitation;
 - (c) management of emergency situations that could be life threatening or cause permanent damage to a casualty;
 - (d) management of injuries;
- “licence”** means an early childhood care licence;
- “licensee”** means the holder of a licence;
- “lunch period”** means an unbroken period of not more than 2 hours between the hours of 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on any day;
- “on duty”** has the meaning given to that term in regulation 5;
- “place”** means —
- (a) the place specified in a licence as the place at which an early childhood care service is authorised to be provided; and
 - (b) in relation to an application for a licence, the place at which the applicant for the licence proposes to operate the early childhood care service to which the application relates;
- “primary school age enrolled child”** means an enrolled child who is old enough to be required to be enrolled in an educational programme under the *School Education Act 1999*

section 9(1) but who will not reach 8 years and 6 months of age by the end of the year in which the service is provided;

“proposed supervising officer” means a person in respect of whom an application is made under regulation 11 or 12;

“staff member” means a member of the staff of an early childhood care service;

“volunteer” means a person who is not a contact staff member and who has reached 18 years of age;

“water activity” means swimming or any other activity in a body of water;

“working day” means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or public service holiday.

4. Saving

Nothing in these regulations limits the operation of local laws made under the *Health Act 1911* or the *Local Government Act 1995* or affects any lawful requirement of the Director of Operations appointed under the *Fire Brigades Act 1942*.

5. Meaning of “on duty”

- (1) A contact staff member is **“on duty”** if he or she is directly engaged in caring for enrolled children, but not if engaged in cleaning the place or in administrative or other duties.
- (2) Subregulation (1) does not prevent a contact staff member who is on duty from undertaking minor incidental duties such as marking the roll for a care session or carrying out minor cleaning duties arising directly from the care of an enrolled child.

6. Early childhood care service prescribed

Under the Act section 232(a), an early childhood care service is prescribed as a type of child care service.

Part 2 — Licences

Division 1 — Prescribed matters

7. Prescribed qualifications for the purpose of the Act section 204(2)(d)

- (1) For the purposes of the Act section 204(2)(d), the following qualifications are prescribed as a qualification for an individual applicant for a licence —
 - (a) a degree or diploma in early childhood care or early childhood education from an Australian university or other tertiary institution;

- (b) a 2 year certificate in child care studies;
 - (c) a diploma or associate diploma in child care;
 - (d) a mothercraft nursing qualification or registration under the *Nurses Act 1992* as a mothercraft nurse;
 - (e) a degree or diploma in education, social and behavioural sciences;
 - (f) a first aid qualification.
- (2) For the purposes of the Act section 204(2)(d), the following qualifications are prescribed as a qualification for a nominated supervising officer in relation to an early childhood care service —
- (a) a degree or diploma in early childhood care or early childhood education from an Australian university or other tertiary institution;
 - (b) a 2 year certificate in child care studies;
 - (c) a diploma or associate diploma in child care;
 - (d) a mothercraft nursing qualification or registration under the *Nurses Act 1992* as a mothercraft nurse;
 - (e) a degree or diploma in education, social and behavioural sciences;
 - (f) a first aid qualification.

8. Prescribed details: the Act section 210

For the purposes of the Act section 210, the following details are prescribed —

- (a) the name of the licensee;
- (b) the name of the early childhood care service;
- (c) the location of the place at which the early childhood care service is authorised to be provided;
- (d) the period for which the licence has effect;
- (e) the maximum number of children who may attend a care session and any other conditions to which the licence is subject under the Act section 213(1).

Division 2 — Applications

9. Prescribed time for renewal applications

For the purposes of the Act section 217(2)(b), the prescribed time is not less than 60 days before the licence expires.

10. Documents and information to accompany application

- (1) Under the Act section 203(b) the following documents and information are prescribed —

- (a) in the case of an application by an individual —
 - (i) a criminal record check on the applicant issued not more than 6 months before the date of the application;
 - (ii) a statement by the applicant indicating whether or not he or she has been convicted of a prescribed offence in the period since the criminal record check was issued;
 - (iii) a copy of the applicant's qualifications prescribed under regulation 7(1); and
 - (iv) information about the time spent by the applicant engaged in children's or education services or in child development, administration and staff management;
- (b) in the case of an application by a corporate applicant —
 - (i) a criminal record check on each managerial officer of the applicant issued not more than 6 months before the date of the application; and
 - (ii) a statement by each managerial officer indicating whether or not the officer has been convicted of a prescribed offence in the period since the criminal record check was issued;
- (c) in the case of an application by a corporate applicant or a public authority —
 - (i) a criminal record check on the nominated supervising officer of the applicant issued not more than 6 months before the date of the application;
 - (ii) a statement by the nominated supervising officer indicating whether or not the officer has been convicted of a prescribed offence in the period since the criminal record check was issued;
 - (iii) a copy of the nominated supervising officer's qualifications prescribed under regulation 7(2); and
 - (iv) information about the time spent by the nominated supervising officer engaged in children's services, education or recreational services or in child development, administration and staff management;
- (d) a financial assessment in a form approved by the CEO;

- (e) in the case of an applicant that is a company, a printout from the national database kept by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission containing up to date information obtained by the Commission about the company;
 - (f) in the case of an applicant that is an incorporated association, a copy of the certificate of incorporation of the association;
 - (g) a site plan, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:500, showing the location of each building on the land comprising the place where the early childhood care service is to be provided;
 - (h) a plan of the building or buildings at the place, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:100, showing the use to which each part of the building or buildings will be put;
 - (i) a certificate of an architect stating that the place complies with Part 3 Division 3, other than regulation 34;
 - (j) if the place has not previously been used for a child care service, any current certificate of classification relating to the place issued under the *Building Regulations 1989* Part 5.
- (2) Subregulation (1)(i) and (j) do not apply to a place that is owned by a public authority.
- (3) Under the Act section 217(2)(c) the following documents and information are prescribed —
- (a) in the case of an application by an individual —
 - (i) a criminal record check on the applicant issued not more than 6 months before the date of the application; and
 - (ii) a statement by the applicant indicating whether or not he or she has been convicted of a prescribed offence in the period since the criminal record check was issued;
 - (b) in the case of an application by a corporate applicant —
 - (i) a criminal record check on each managerial officer of the applicant issued not more than 6 months before the date of the application; and
 - (ii) a statement by each managerial officer indicating whether or not the officer has been convicted of a prescribed offence in the period since the criminal record check was issued;

- (c) in the case of an application by a corporate applicant or a public authority —
 - (i) a criminal record check on the supervising officer of the applicant issued not more than 6 months before the date of the application; and
 - (ii) a statement by the supervising officer indicating whether or not the officer has been convicted of a prescribed offence in the period since the criminal record check was issued;
- (d) a financial assessment in a form approved by the CEO;
- (e) in the case of an applicant that is a company, a printout from the national database kept by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission containing up to date information obtained by the Commission about the company;
- (f) in the case of an applicant that is an incorporated association, a copy of the certificate of incorporation of the association;
- (g) a copy of any qualification prescribed under regulation 7(1) or (2) held by the applicant or the supervising officer of the applicant.

11. Change of supervising officer

- (1) If a licence is held by a body corporate or public authority, the licensee may apply under the Act section 215 to amend the licence so that it specifies a different person as the person responsible for the day-to-day supervision and control of the early childhood care service.
- (2) An application under subregulation (1) must be in a form approved by the CEO.
- (3) An application under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by the documents and information referred to in regulation 10(1)(c) as if a reference in that paragraph to the nominated supervising officer were a reference to the proposed supervising officer.
- (4) The CEO must not amend the licence unless the CEO is satisfied the licence would have been granted under the Act section 208 or 209 if the proposed supervising officer had been the nominated supervising officer.
- (5) The CEO must not amend the licence until he or she has received proof that the applicant has complied with regulation 15 in relation to the proposed supervising officer.

12. Application for person to act in place of licensee or supervising officer

- (1) A licensee must not appoint a person to act in place of the licensee or the supervising officer without the prior written approval of the CEO.
- (2) An application for approval of a person under subregulation (1) must be made by the licensee in a form approved by the CEO.
- (3) An application by an individual must be accompanied by the documents and information referred to in regulation 10(1)(a) as if a reference in that paragraph to an applicant were a reference to the proposed supervising officer.
- (4) An application by a corporate applicant or a public authority must be accompanied by the documents and information referred to in regulation 10(1)(c) as if a reference in that paragraph to the nominated supervising officer were a reference to the proposed supervising officer.
- (5) The CEO must not give approval unless the CEO is satisfied that the licence would have been granted —
 - (a) under the Act section 207 if the person to act in the place of the licensee had been the applicant for the licence; or
 - (b) under the Act section 208 or 209, if the person to act in the place of the supervising officer had been the nominated supervising officer.
- (6) The CEO must not give approval until the CEO has received proof that the applicant has complied with regulation 15 in relation to the proposed supervising officer.

Division 3 — Matters ancillary to applications

13. Referees

- (1) The referees named for a person in an application for a licence or in an application under regulation 11 or 12 (the “**subject**”) must include —
 - (a) a referee to whom the subject is known, and who has had experience in children’s services; and
 - (b) a referee who is a previous employer of the subject, or who has worked with him or her in a paid or unpaid capacity.
- (2) A person is not eligible to act as a referee for a subject if the person is —
 - (a) an employee of the subject;
 - (b) related, married, or related by marriage, to the subject;

- (c) a de facto partner of the subject; or
- (d) the applicant for a licence or under regulation 11 or 12, as the case may be.

14. Advertisement of application for licence or renewal of a licence

- (1) An applicant for a licence, or the renewal of a licence, must arrange for notice of the application to be published in an edition of *The West Australian* newspaper.
- (2) The notice must be published within 28 days after the date on which the application was made.
- (3) The notice, in a form approved by the CEO, must include the following —
 - (a) if the applicant is an individual, the full name and residential address of the applicant;
 - (b) if the applicant is a corporate applicant or public authority, the full name and business address of the applicant;
 - (c) if the applicant is a corporate applicant, the full name and residential address of the nominated supervising officer or supervising officer and each managerial officer of the applicant;
 - (d) if the applicant is a public authority, the full name of its chief executive officer and the full name and residential address of the nominated supervising officer or supervising officer;
 - (e) the address of the place at which the applicant proposes to operate or operates the early childhood care service;
 - (f) a statement to the effect that an objection to the issue of the licence or renewal of licence may be made in writing to the CEO, at the address specified in the advertisement, within 14 days after the date on which the advertisement is published.
- (4) The CEO must not grant or renew a licence unless the CEO has received proof that the applicant has complied with this regulation.
- (5) Despite subregulation (3), the CEO may approve the publication of a notice that does not include the residential address of the managerial officer, nominated supervising officer or supervising officer if the CEO is satisfied that disclosure of that address might place the person or any other person who lives at the address at risk of harm.

15. Advertisement about proposed supervising officer

- (1) The licensee must arrange for notice of an application under regulation 11 or 12 to be published in an edition of *The West Australian* newspaper.
- (2) The notice must be published within 7 days after the date on which the application was made.
- (3) The notice, in a form approved by the CEO, must include —
 - (a) the full name and business address of the applicant;
 - (b) the full name and residential address of the proposed supervising officer;
 - (c) the address of the place specified in the licence; and
 - (d) a statement to the effect that an objection to the proposed supervising officer may be made in writing to the CEO, at the address specified in the advertisement, within 14 days after the date on which the advertisement is published.
- (4) Despite subregulation (3), the CEO may approve the publication of a notice that does not include the residential address of the proposed supervising officer if the CEO is satisfied that disclosure of that address might place the person or any other person who lives at the address at risk of harm.

16. Objections

- (1) Any person may —
 - (a) object to the grant of a licence on the ground that the applicant or the applicant's nominated supervising officer is not a fit and proper person to provide or be involved in the provision of a child care service;
 - (b) object to the renewal of a licence on the ground that the applicant or the applicant's supervising officer is not a fit and proper person to provide or be involved in the provision of a child care service; or
 - (c) object to a proposed supervising officer on the ground that the person is not a fit and proper person to be involved in the provision of a child care service.
- (2) An objection must —
 - (a) be made to the CEO in writing; and
 - (b) set out the grounds on which it is made.
- (3) If an objection is made to the CEO within 14 days after the advertisement is published under regulation 14 or 15, the CEO must consider the objection before deciding whether or not to

grant, renew or amend the licence or give approval, as the case requires.

- (4) If an objection is made to the CEO at any other time, the CEO may consider it.

Division 4 — Surrenders

17. Surrender of licences

- (1) A licensee may at any time by notice in writing to the CEO surrender the licence.
- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply if a matter relating to the licensee has been referred to the State Administrative Tribunal under the Act section 224(2) and the matter has not been disposed of by the Tribunal.

Part 3 — Obligations of licensee

Division 1 — General obligations

18. Exemptions

- (1) The CEO may, in special circumstances in a particular case, exempt a licensee from a provision of these regulations for the period, and subject to the conditions, if any, specified in the exemption.
- (2) An exemption must —
- (a) be in writing;
 - (b) identify the provision of the regulations to which the exemption relates; and
 - (c) specify the period for which it is to be in force.
- (3) An exemption may be expressed to be in force —
- (a) for as long as the special circumstances set out in the exemption continue; or
 - (b) for as long as a condition specified in the exemption is complied with.
- (4) The CEO may renew or revoke an exemption.
- (5) An exemption stops being in force at the end of the period specified in it under subregulation (2)(c) unless it is sooner revoked.
- (6) During the period an exemption is in force, the licensee must ensure that the exemption is displayed in a prominent position at or near the main entrance to the place.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

19. Notification of change of circumstances

- (1) A licensee must immediately notify the CEO in writing if any of the following happens —
 - (a) the licensee ceases to occupy the place specified in the licence;
 - (b) if the licensee is an individual, the licensee is or will for any reason be unable for more than 30 consecutive working days to supervise and control on a day-to-day basis the provision of the early childhood care service;
 - (c) if the licensee is a body corporate or public authority, the supervising officer dies, is dismissed, retires, resigns or becomes incapable of being responsible for the day-to-day supervision and control of the early childhood care service;
 - (d) if the licensee is a body corporate or public authority, the supervising officer is or will for any reason be unable for more than 30 consecutive working days to supervise and control on a day-to-day basis the provision of the early childhood care service;
 - (e) if the licensee is a body corporate, there is a change in the managerial officers of the body corporate;
 - (f) the licensee, a managerial officer of the licensee or the supervising officer is convicted of a prescribed offence;
 - (g) the licensee becomes aware of any change to any other fact or circumstance relating to or affecting the provision of the early childhood care service.
- (2) The notice must include particulars of the change of circumstances, including, where relevant, the name and address of the new managerial officer.
- (3) A new managerial officer referred to in subregulation (2) must, within 30 days of the date of the change —
 - (a) complete a form approved by the CEO and give it to the CEO;
 - (b) give the CEO a current criminal record check or current assessment notice on or relating to the officer; and
 - (c) give the CEO a statement by the managerial officer indicating whether or not the officer has been convicted of a prescribed offence in the period since the current criminal record check or current assessment notice was issued.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

20. Notification of harm to enrolled child

- (1) A licensee must notify the CEO of —
 - (a) the death of an enrolled child during a care session and the circumstances in which the death occurred;
 - (b) an injury to an enrolled child during a care session that results in the child being admitted to a hospital, the nature of the injury and the circumstances in which it occurred; and
 - (c) any allegation of abuse, neglect or assault, including sexual assault, of an enrolled child during a care session, or of an offence under *The Criminal Code* Chapter XXII committed against an enrolled child during a care session, that is made against the licensee, a managerial officer of the licensee or a staff member or a volunteer.
- (2) The notification must be given within one working day after the day on which the death or injury occurred or the allegation was made.
- (3) A licensee must notify the CEO of the outcome of any investigation into an allegation referred to in subregulation (1)(c).
Penalty: a fine of \$6 000.

21. Visual images of enrolled child

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a visual image of an enrolled child is not taken or recorded at the place without the written consent of the child's parent.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a visual image of an enrolled child taken or recorded at the place for the purpose of monitoring an enrolled child is not —
 - (a) transmitted on the Internet; or
 - (b) removed from the place.
- (3) A licensee or staff member must not use a visual image of an enrolled child taken or recorded at the place for any purpose without the written consent of the child's parent.
- (4) Subregulations (1) and (3) do not apply to a visual image used at the place for monitoring an enrolled child.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

Division 2 — Staffing requirements

22. Presence of supervising officer at place

- (1) For the purposes of the Act section 212, the supervising officer may be absent from the place at which the early childhood care service is provided at the times when the service is provided —
 - (a) to accompany enrolled children on an excursion;
 - (b) for not more than 2 consecutive days if the absence is due to illness or injury;
 - (c) in an emergency situation;
 - (d) to undertake continuing professional development in matters relating to child care;
 - (e) to attend a meeting or other event that is relevant to the supervision and control of the service;
 - (f) to obtain or eat a meal; or
 - (g) to attend to other duties relevant to the provision of an early childhood care service such as banking and shopping for food or drinks.
- (2) Despite the supervising officer for an early childhood care service being absent from the place at which the service is provided for a reason referred to in subregulation (1), the supervising officer must be present at the place for —
 - (a) not less than 25 hours per week in any week during which the service is provided; or
 - (b) 70% of the time for which the service is provided during a week,whichever is the lesser.

23. Staff supervision of enrolled children

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the contact staff members on duty supervise the enrolled children in a manner that is sufficient to ensure the wellbeing of the children and is appropriate to —
 - (a) the children's stage of development; and
 - (b) the activity in which the children are engaging.
- (2) Without limiting subregulation (1), a licensee must ensure that an ill or injured child is under the direct supervision of a contact staff member.
- (3) If there are not more than 4 enrolled children in attendance at a care session, the licensee must ensure that the children are supervised by at least one person who has reached 18 years of age.

- (4) If there are 5 or more enrolled children in attendance at a care session, the licensee must ensure that the children are supervised by at least 2 contact staff members, one of whom must —
 - (a) have reached 18 years of age; or
 - (b) have the qualifications described in regulation 81(3)(a), (c) or (e).

Penalty: a fine of \$6 000.

24. Staff under 18 years of age

In employing contact staff members for the purpose of complying with regulation 81(1), a licensee must employ at least one staff member who has reached 18 years of age for each staff member who has not reached 18 years of age.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

25. Additional staff

- (1) The CEO may require a licensee to employ contact staff members for a care session, in addition to those required under regulation 81(1), where the special needs of one or more children attending the early childhood care service during the care session require the additional staff.
- (2) The licensee must comply with a requirement under subregulation (1).

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

26. Food preparation staff

- (1) If an early childhood care service provides food prepared at the place on a regular basis for 20 or more enrolled children the licensee must employ a person to prepare the food.
- (2) The licensee must ensure that food prepared for enrolled children is prepared by a person who —
 - (a) has completed a course of training in food handling and hygiene approved by the CEO; and
 - (b) has completed a course of training in nutrition approved by the CEO.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

27. Absent or indisposed staff

A licensee must develop and set down in writing appropriate procedures to be followed by contact staff members for dealing with the situation where a contact staff member fails to report for duty, becomes ill or injured, or is otherwise required to leave the place at short notice.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

28. Criminal record check for each staff member

- (1) A licensee must not employ or continue to employ a person as a staff member unless the person gives the licensee a copy of a current criminal record check or current assessment notice for the person within 30 days after —
- (a) if the person is employed by the licensee on the day on which these regulations come into operation, that day; or
 - (b) the day on which the person is first employed as a staff member,

and after that day at intervals of not more than 2 years from the date on which the staff member last gave the licensee the copy.

- (2) The CEO may request the licensee to produce to the CEO a current criminal record check or current assessment notice in respect of a staff member.
- (3) The licensee must comply with a request under subregulation (2) within 30 days after it is made.

Penalty: a fine of \$6 000.

29. Employment of person convicted of a prescribed offence

A licensee must not employ a person as a staff member without the prior written approval of the CEO if that person —

- (a) has been convicted of a prescribed offence; and
- (b) does not have a current assessment notice.

Penalty: a fine of \$6 000.

30. First aid officer

A licensee must ensure that a person possessing current first aid qualifications is in attendance at the place at all times enrolled children are attending a care session at the place.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

31. Medical clearance for contact staff and staff preparing food

A licensee must ensure that a person who —

- (a) is employed in the early childhood care service; and
- (b) is a contact staff member or prepares food for those children,

provides the licensee with a medical certificate in a form approved by the CEO within 14 days after beginning employment in the early childhood care service.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

Division 3 — Requirements for place

32. Play areas on place

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the place has an area of indoor space suitable for children's play of at least —
 - (a) 3.25 m² multiplied by the number equal to the maximum number of children who may attend a care session specified in the licence; and
 - (b) 1 m² multiplied by the number equal to the number of enrolled children from 0 to 2 years of age present at the place during a care session.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that the place has an area of outdoor space suitable for children's play of at least 9.3 m² multiplied by the number equal to the maximum number of children who may attend a care session specified in the licence.
- (3) When calculating the area of indoor space for the purposes of subregulation (1) the area of any built-in cupboard, bench, passageway, thoroughfare, bathroom, toilet or shower is not to be taken into account.
- (4) The CEO may waive or vary the outdoor space requirement under subregulation (2) if —
 - (a) there is an equivalent area of playing space within walking distance for the enrolled children; or
 - (b) the outdoor space available is augmented by a larger indoor space suitable for children's play.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

33. Exits

- (1) A licensee must ensure that children are able to open interconnecting doors of rooms at the place that they are permitted to use and that door handles are positioned between 750 mm and 1 000 mm from the floor.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that doors giving direct access from the place to the street —
 - (a) have handles positioned between 1 300 mm and 1 500 mm from the floor; and
 - (b) are locked in a manner that does not prevent effective evacuation of the place.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that there are at least 2 exits from the place, and that those exits are as widely separated as practicable and are readily accessible.

- (4) A licensee must ensure that every room at the place having accommodation for 20 children or less has at least one doorway not less than 800 mm wide giving direct access to the outdoor space or to a thoroughfare or passage giving direct access to the outdoor space.
- (5) A licensee must ensure that every room at the place having accommodation for more than 20 children has at least 2 doorways not less than 800 mm wide giving direct access to the outdoor space or to a thoroughfare or passage giving direct access to the outdoor space, and that those doorways are as widely separated as practicable.
Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

34. Shade

A licensee must ensure that outdoor space required under regulation 32 is provided with adequate shade in accordance with guidelines approved by the CEO.
Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

35. Fencing

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the place is enclosed by a fence, or an equivalent barrier approved by the CEO, of not less than 1 200 mm in height.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a gate in a fence, or in an equivalent barrier, referred to in subregulation (1) is not less than 1 200 mm in height.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that a gate in a fence at the place that offers access from the place or to a hazard is equipped with an efficient self-locking mechanism or lock.
- (4) A licensee must ensure that a place that is adjacent to or provides access to any creek, river, dam or similar body of water is separated from that body of water by a fence that conforms with the requirements of subregulations (1), (2) and (3).
Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

36. Swimming pools

A licensee must ensure that there is no swimming pool at the place.
Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

37. Smoke or fire detectors

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the place is equipped with smoke or fire detection devices fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a device required under subregulation (1) is maintained in working order.
Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

38. Staff room

- (1) A licensee must ensure that staff members have access to an area at the place that is suitable for the withdrawal or respite of the staff members.
- (2) The licensee must ensure that an area referred to in subregulation (1) has not less than 7.5 m² of useable space.
- (3) The requirement in subregulation (2) does not apply to the holder of a licence or permit —
 - (a) in force on the commencement of the *Community Services (Child Care) Amendment Regulations 2001*; and
 - (b) to which the Act Schedule 1 clause 18 applies,while that licence or permit remains in force.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

39. Area for administration etc.

A licensee must ensure that staff members have access to an area at the place, separate from an area required under regulation 38, that is suitable for administrative activities and private consultations with parents.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

40. Kitchen

A licensee must ensure that the place has a kitchen equipped with at least a sink, stove, refrigerator and supply of hot water.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

41. Laundry

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a licensee must ensure that the place has a laundry area.
- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply if —
 - (a) no enrolled child attends a care session at the place for more than 20 hours in any week; or

- (b) arrangements approved by the CEO have been made for treating laundry away from the place and for the hygienic storage of soiled laundry.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that the laundry is equipped with a washing machine, trough, hot water supply and sink or other facility suitable for dealing with soiled nappies.
- (4) If nappies are not laundered at the place, a licensee must ensure that a suitable sealed container for soiled nappies is provided.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

42. Windows

A licensee must ensure that windows at the place, when opened, do not create a hazard to children.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

43. Bathroom facilities and transitional

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the place has —
 - (a) one junior lavatory or one adult lavatory with a firm step and a junior seat; and
 - (b) one hand basin either with a firm step, or at a height so as to provide reasonable child access,for every 15 enrolled children or part of that number attending a care session.
- (2) If enrolled children who have not reached 3 years of age are cared for by an early childhood care service, a licensee must ensure that following are provided at the place —
 - (a) a changing bench or mat with a washable top;
 - (b) one sink type bath that is —
 - (i) supplied with hot and cold water; and
 - (ii) positioned adjacent to the changing bench or mat referred to in paragraph (a).
- (3) In addition to the requirements of subregulation (1), the licensee must ensure that there is at least one adult lavatory and hand basin at the place for each multiple of 10 staff members and any remainder of fewer than 10 staff members.
- (4) If a primary school age enrolled child attends a care session, a licensee must ensure that there is at least one toilet at the place that provides privacy and that is not used by a staff member for each multiple of 15 primary school age enrolled children and remainder fewer than 15 primary school age enrolled children.

- (5) The requirement in subregulation (4) does not apply before 1 January 2007 to the holder of a licence or permit to which the Act Schedule 1 clause 18 applies.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

44. Hot water

A licensee must ensure that every hot water tap to which an enrolled child has access at the place is —

- (a) thermostatically controlled at a temperature of less than 42°C; or
- (b) fitted with a device approved by the CEO which effectively prevents the operation of the tap by an enrolled child.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

45. Storage

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the place has shelves or other facilities for indoor and outdoor storage of equipment and consumable items for the use of the early childhood care service and for each child's personal clothing and possessions.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that shelves or other facilities provided under subregulation (1) are so positioned as to enable a child who has reached 3 years of age to have ready access to their personal clothing and possessions.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

46. Electrical installations

- (1) A licensee must ensure that an electrical distribution board or control panel located in a children's play or rest area at the place is behind a lockable door and installed at a minimum height of 1 200 mm above the adjacent floor level.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that aerial power supply cables operating at voltages in excess of extra low voltage are located at the place so that clearances from mesh fences, gates and similar climbable structures are in accordance with Australian Standard AS/NZS 3000:2000 — Electrical installations — Buildings, structures and premises (known as the SAA Wiring Rules).
- (3) A licensee must ensure that cable pits and similar installations at the place are provided with lids which by weight or mechanical means restrict access.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

47. General purpose power outlets

A licensee must ensure that a general purpose power outlet at the place —

- (a) is installed at a minimum height of 1 200 mm above the floor; or
- (b) is fitted with approved integral safety shutters or with an earth leakage circuit breaker.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

48. Telephone

A licensee must ensure that a telephone service is connected to the place.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

49. Heating

- (1) If a radiant type electrical heater is used in play or rest rooms at the place, a licensee must ensure that it is fixed in position and installed so that any part of the heating element is at least 2 130 mm above the floor and at least 300 mm below the ceiling.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a portable kerosene heater is not used at the place.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that an oil-filled, fan type or similar low surface temperature heater is not used at the place unless the appliance —
 - (a) is fitted with its own temperature safety thermostat;
 - (b) does not constitute a fire hazard; and
 - (c) is effectively shielded or guarded so that live parts cannot be probed by a child.
- (4) A licensee must ensure that a fire or heating apparatus at the place that is being used, however fuelled, other than a low surface temperature heater, is effectively shielded or guarded to prevent direct contact by or access to any child and the emission of any sparks or flame.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

50. Fans

- (1) A licensee must ensure that wall mounted fans at the place —
 - (a) have blade guards fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; and
 - (b) are located so that blades are at least 2 000 mm above the floor.

- (2) A licensee must ensure that ceiling mounted fans at the place are located so that blades are at least 2 400 mm above floor level unless children are adequately protected from inadvertent physical contact with the blades.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that free standing fans are not used in indoor or outdoor play areas at the place.
- (4) A licensee must ensure that free standing fans at the place are located so that children are adequately protected from inadvertent physical contact with the blades.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

Division 4 — Other obligations relating to the place

51. Display of licence

- (1) A licensee must display the licence in a prominent position at or near the main entrance to the place.
- (2) A person must not alter or deface a licence.
Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

52. Place not to be used as a residence

A licensee must ensure that the place, or any part of the place, is not used as a residence.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

53. First aid kit

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a fully equipped and properly maintained first aid kit is kept at the place at all times, except in the circumstances permitted by regulation 87(3).
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a first aid kit kept for the purposes of subregulation (1) includes the following items —
 - (a) a triangular bandage;
 - (b) a crepe bandage;
 - (c) an adequate variety of sterile wound dressings;
 - (d) a resuscitation face shield;
 - (e) a notebook and pencil;
 - (f) scissors;
 - (g) disposable gloves.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

54. Furniture

A licensee must ensure that adequate furniture is available at the place to meet the physical and developmental needs of children attending the place.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

55. Storage of tools and dangerous materials

- (1) A licensee must ensure that tools at the place are stored so that they are inaccessible to children.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that cleaning supplies, first aid supplies and other toxic materials at the place are —
 - (a) clearly identified as such; and
 - (b) stored so that they are inaccessible to children.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that flammable materials at the place are stored separately from anything that constitutes or is likely to constitute a fire hazard.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

56. Playground equipment

- (1) A licensee must ensure that soft surfaces of a kind approved by the CEO are provided under and around any outdoor play equipment at the place from which there is a reasonable likelihood of a child falling because of the equipment's design or the manner in which it is used.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that outdoor play equipment at the place does not pose a hazard to children because of its design, manufacture, installation or use.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

57. Animals on place

- (1) A licensee must ensure that an animal or bird kept at the place is maintained in a clean and healthy condition.
- (2) If an animal or bird is kept at the place, a licensee must ensure that —
 - (a) the place has an area where the animal or bird can be kept that is separate and apart from any area used by children; and
 - (b) enrolled children are not allowed access to the animal or bird except under the direct supervision of a person of not less than 18 years of age.
- (3) If an animal or bird is kept at the place, the CEO may direct the licensee to keep it in the separate area referred to in subregulation (2)(a).
- (4) The licensee must comply with a direction under subregulation (3).

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

58. Plants

A licensee must identify any poisonous vegetation at the place and ensure that the vegetation is not accessible to children.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

59. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of place

(1) A licensee must ensure that the place and all equipment and furnishings at the place are maintained in a thoroughly safe, clean and hygienic condition and in good repair.

(2) A licensee must ensure that the place is kept free from rodents, cockroaches and other vermin.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

60. People convicted of a prescribed offence

(1) A licensee must ensure that a person who —

- (a) has been convicted of a prescribed offence; and
- (b) does not have a current assessment notice,

is not permitted to attend the place during a care session without the prior written approval of the CEO.

Penalty: a fine of \$5 000.

(2) In proceedings for an offence under subregulation (1), it is a defence for the licensee to show that the licensee did not know, and could not reasonably be expected to have known, that the person had been convicted of a prescribed offence.

61. Application to modify the place

(1) A licensee must not modify the place without the prior written approval of the CEO.

(2) The approval of the CEO under subregulation (1) may be given subject to conditions.

(3) A licensee must comply with any condition imposed under subregulation (2).

(4) An application for approval under subregulation (1) must —

- (a) be in a form approved by the CEO;
- (b) be lodged with the CEO at least 30 days before the proposed modification is expected to begin;
- (c) show that the wellbeing of children attending the service will not be affected by the modification; and
- (d) be accompanied by a certificate of an architect stating that the plans for the place as modified will comply with Part 3 Division 3.

- (5) On completion of the modification of the place, a licensee must give the CEO a copy of any current certificate of classification relating to the place issued under the *Building Regulations 1989* Part 5.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

Division 5 — Operating procedures

62. Compliance with procedures

A licensee must ensure that —

- (a) copies of the procedures developed under this Division are made available to contact staff members and parents of enrolled children; and
- (b) contact staff members are aware of the procedures and follow them as far as practicable.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

63. Emergency procedures and rehearsals

- (1) A licensee must develop and set down in writing —
 - (a) evacuation and emergency procedures to be followed by contact staff members in case of fire, natural disaster or other emergencies; and
 - (b) appropriate procedures to be followed by contact staff members for the care of ill or injured children.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that the emergency procedures include specific procedures applicable during lunch periods.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that a rehearsal of the evacuation and emergency procedures set down under subregulation (1) is conducted at least twice in each calendar year.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

64. Behaviour management procedures

- (1) A licensee must develop and set down in writing appropriate procedures to be followed by contact staff members in managing the behaviour of enrolled children.
- (2) A licensee must develop and set down in writing appropriate procedures to be followed by contact staff members in managing the behaviour of individuals, other than enrolled children, who are violent or abusive towards contact staff members or enrolled children.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

65. Procedure for dealing with parent's concerns

A licensee must develop and set down in writing appropriate procedures to be followed by contact staff members in dealing with concerns of parents.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

66. Transport procedures

A licensee must develop and set down in writing appropriate procedures for the transport of enrolled children that include, but are not limited to —

- (a) procedures for supervising enrolled children while walking to and from a vehicle and while travelling in a vehicle;
- (b) the kinds of vehicle which may be used to transport enrolled children;
- (c) procedures for engaging and utilising the services of transport providers and volunteers;
- (d) rules relating to the behaviour of enrolled children while they are being collected or transported and strategies for enforcing those rules; and
- (e) procedures in case of a breakdown of a vehicle or an accident or other emergency.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

Division 6 — Administration of early childhood care service

67. Enrolment form

- (1) A licensee must ensure that an enrolment form is kept for each child who attends the early childhood care service.
- (2) The enrolment form must, as far as is practicable, include the following —
 - (a) the full name, date of birth and address of the child;
 - (b) the full name of each parent;
 - (c) the residential address and telephone number of each parent;
 - (d) the address and telephone number of each parent's place of employment;
 - (e) the signature of a parent;
 - (f) the full name and telephone number of a person authorised by a parent to collect the child from the place;

- (g) the full name, address and telephone number of a person, other than a parent, who may be contacted in an emergency;
 - (h) the name, address and telephone number of the child's medical practitioner or hospital;
 - (i) a parent's written authorisation for medical attention to be sought for the child if required in an emergency;
 - (j) any written authorisation referred to in regulation 91 or 96;
 - (k) details of any court order relating to —
 - (i) the long-term care, welfare and development of the child;
 - (ii) the residence of the child; or
 - (iii) contact of a person with the child;
 - (l) relevant details of the child's medical history including current immunisation status and any allergies suffered by the child;
 - (m) any other relevant information relating to the child.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that the enrolment form is updated annually.
- (4) A licensee must not allow a child to attend the early childhood care service unless the supervising officer has sighted the child's birth certificate, extract of birth certificate or equivalent document.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

68. Record of medication

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a record is kept of any medication administered to an enrolled child during a care session.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.
- (2) A record of medication must include —
- (a) the name of the medication;
 - (b) the date and time of the administration of the medication;
 - (c) the quantity of medication administered;
 - (d) the name of the person who administered the medication; and
 - (e) except in an emergency, a parent's written authorisation for the administration of the medication and any instructions as to the administration of the medication.

69. Record of injury or accident

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a record is kept of —

- (a) any injury to or accident involving an enrolled child during a care session, including details of the nature and circumstances of the injury or accident;
 - (b) any treatment given to an enrolled child who is injured or becomes ill during a care session; and
 - (c) the death of an enrolled child during a care session, including details of the circumstances in which the child died.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that —
 - (a) a record under subregulation (1)(a) or (b) concerning a child is retained until the child reaches 24 years of age; and
 - (b) a record under subregulation (1)(c) is retained for a period of 6 years from the day on which the record was made.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

70. Record of attendance

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a record of attendance is kept for each care session, including —
 - (a) the times of arrival and departure of each enrolled child; and
 - (b) the signature of the person responsible for verifying the accuracy of the record.
 - (2) A licensee must ensure that a record of attendance is retained for a period of 3 years from the day on which the record was made.
- Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

71. Record of excursions

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a record of each excursion is kept, including the following —
 - (a) the name of each enrolled child who participated in the excursion;
 - (b) for each of those children, the authorisation given by a parent of the child under regulation 86(1)(b)(i);
 - (c) the destination;
 - (d) the times of departure from and return to the place;
 - (e) a copy of the written plan required by regulation 86(1)(a).
 - (2) A licensee must ensure that a record of an excursion is retained for a period of 3 months from the day of the excursion.
- Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

72. Other records

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the following are kept —
 - (a) a record of each rehearsal of emergency procedures conducted in accordance with regulation 63(3);
 - (b) an authorisation given under regulation 81(2)(d);
 - (c) evidence of the qualifications of each contact staff member, including any qualifications in first aid, resuscitation, swimming or water rescue;
 - (d) a record of the days and times a contact staff member is employed by the licensee;
 - (e) written particulars of the programme of activities provided under regulation 83.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that —
 - (a) a record or authorisation under subregulation (1)(a), (b) or (d) is retained for a period of 3 years from the day on which the record or authorisation was made or given;
 - (b) evidence under subregulation (1)(c) is retained for a period of 3 years from the day on which it was given to the licensee; and
 - (c) a record under subregulation (1)(e) is retained for a period of 3 months.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

73. Storing records

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a record required to be kept under regulation 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 or 72 relating to an enrolled child is kept in an up-to-date form and in a safe and secure area at the place.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a record required to be kept under regulation 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 or 72 relating to a former enrolled child is kept in a safe and secure location.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

74. Confidentiality of records

A licensee must ensure that information recorded under regulation 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 or 72 is not directly or indirectly disclosed or communicated to another person except —

- (a) as required or permitted under the Act or any other written law; or
- (b) with the written authorisation of the person or, in the case of a child, a parent of the child, to whom the information relates.

Penalty: a fine of \$5 000.

75. Falsification of records

A person must not falsify a record kept under regulation 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 or 72.

Penalty: a fine of \$5 000.

76. Information for parents

- (1) A licensee must ensure that the following information is available in writing to a parent upon request —
- (a) a statement of the early childhood care service philosophy;
 - (b) an outline of the early childhood care service programme;
 - (c) times and days of opening;
 - (d) fees;
 - (e) the early childhood care service practice and policy regarding excursions;
 - (f) the early childhood care service practice and policy regarding delivery and collection of enrolled children;
 - (g) the early childhood care service procedures for managing the behaviour of enrolled children;
 - (h) the early childhood care service practice and policy regarding food, nutrition and the dietary needs of individual enrolled children;
 - (i) the early childhood care service practice and policy regarding sun protection for enrolled children;
 - (j) the early childhood care service practice and policy regarding illness and infections, including any practice or policy relating to the exclusion of enrolled children suffering from a communicable disease;
 - (k) the early childhood care service practice and policy regarding the appointment of a person to act in place of the licensee or nominated supervising officer;
 - (l) emergency and evacuation procedures;
 - (m) procedures for dealing with concerns of parents;
 - (n) the periods of time for which particular records are required to be retained under regulations 69, 71 and 72;
 - (o) the name, address and telephone number of the Child Care Licensing and Standards Unit of the Department.

- (2) A licensee must ensure that the particulars referred to in subregulation (1)(m) and (o) are displayed in a prominent position at or near the main entrance to the place.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that a current copy of the Act and these regulations are available to parents upon request.
Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

77. Parent visit

A licensee must permit a parent who is responsible at the time for the attendance of an enrolled child at the early childhood care service to visit the child at the place at any reasonable time.
Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

78. Insurance

- (1) A licensee must hold a current policy of insurance (the “policy”) against the public liability of that person in respect of the provision of the early childhood care service.
- (2) The insured amount must be adequate, in the opinion of the CEO, to cover any potential liability of the licensee in relation to the operation of the early childhood care service.
- (3) A licensee must keep at the place evidence that the policy is current.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

Part 4 — Operating the early childhood care service

Division 1 — Children at care session

79. Children who are not enrolled children

A licensee must ensure that a child who is not an enrolled child is not present at the place during a care session, or present on an excursion with enrolled children during a care session, unless the child —

- (a) is present on a temporary basis; and
- (b) is adequately supervised by a person other than a contact staff member.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

80. Primary school age enrolled child and transitional

- (1) If —
 - (a) 5 or more primary school age enrolled children attend a care session; or
 - (b) the percentage of primary school age enrolled children attending a care session is greater than 10% of the

maximum number of children who may attend a care session specified in the licence,

a licensee must ensure that —

- (c) the primary school age enrolled children and the other enrolled children do not use the same areas of indoor or outdoor space suitable for children's play;
 - (d) a contact staff member does not supervise both primary school age enrolled children and the other enrolled children at the same time; and
 - (e) at least one of the contact staff members supervising the primary school age enrolled children is at least 21 years of age.
- (2) The requirements in subregulation (1) do not apply before 1 January 2007 to the holder of a licence or permit to which the Act Schedule 1 clause 18 applies.
Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

Division 2 — Contact staff requirements

81. Minimum contact staff members required

- (1) Subject to regulations 23, 24, 25 and 82, a licensee must ensure that at a care session —
- (a) the ratio of contact staff members on duty to enrolled children in an age range specified in the first column of Schedule 1 is not less than that specified opposite the age range in the second column of that Schedule; and
 - (b) the contact staff members referred to in paragraph (a) include the number of contact staff members with the qualifications specified opposite that age range in the third column of Schedule 1.
- (2) When determining —
- (a) the ratio under subregulation (1)(a); and
 - (b) the number of contact staff members required under subregulation (1)(b),

the licensee may include an enrolled child in an age range that is up to 3 months higher or 3 months lower than the child's actual age if the licensee —

- (c) is satisfied on reasonable grounds it is developmentally appropriate for the child to be included in that age range; and
- (d) is authorised in writing by the child's parent to include the child in that age range.

- (3) In the third column of Schedule 1 —
- (a) “A” represents the holder of —
 - (i) a degree or diploma in early childhood care or early childhood education from a recognised Australian university or other tertiary institution; or
 - (ii) an equivalent qualification as determined by the CEO;
 - (b) “A*” represents the holder of —
 - (i) a qualification referred to in paragraph (a) which includes a specialist course on the principles and practices of the care and education of children in the 0-24 months age range, in addition to practical experience of 100 hours (minimum) with children in that age range; or
 - (ii) an equivalent qualification as determined by the CEO;
 - (c) “B” represents the holder of —
 - (i) a 2 year certificate in child care studies;
 - (ii) a diploma or associate diploma in child care; or
 - (iii) an equivalent qualification as determined by the CEO;
 - (d) “B*” represents the holder of —
 - (i) a qualification referred to in paragraph (c) which includes a specialist course on the principles and practices of the care and education of children in the 0-24 months age range, in addition to practical experience of 100 hours (minimum) with children in that age range; or
 - (ii) an equivalent qualification as determined by the CEO;
 - (e) “C” represents a person who is —
 - (i) a registered mothercraft nurse;
 - (ii) the holder of a mothercraft nursing qualification; or
 - (iii) the holder of an equivalent qualification as determined by the CEO.

Penalty: a fine of \$6 000.

82. Contact staff arrangements during lunch period

The requirements in regulation 81(1) do not apply during a lunch period if at all times during that period —

- (a) the number of contact staff members is at least 60% of the total number of contact staff members required under regulation 81(1);
- (b) children in the 0-24 months age range are supervised by at least one staff member who —
 - (i) has a qualification referred to in regulation 81(3)(a), (c) or (e); or
 - (ii) has reached 18 years of age and who —
 - (I) has at least 2 years' experience of working in an early childhood setting;
 - (II) is the holder of Certificate III in Community Services (Children's Studies); or
 - (III) is the holder of an equivalent qualification as determined by the CEO;
- (c) no staff member under 18 years of age supervises more than 10 children; and
- (d) if the maximum number of children who may attend a care session specified in a licence is 30 or more children, at least one of the contact staff members present has a qualification referred to in regulation 81(3)(a), (c) or (e).

Division 3 — Programmes and behaviour management

83. Programme of activities

- (1) A licensee must ensure the provision of a programme of activities which is developmentally appropriate to the needs of the children attending the service.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that the programme —
 - (a) meets the play and relaxation needs of children;
 - (b) provides a balance of indoor and outdoor activities;
 - (c) includes activities that a child may choose to participate in; and
 - (d) is designed to stimulate and provide for the development of each child's social, cultural, physical, emotional, intellectual, language and creative potential.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that a copy of the programme is prominently displayed in each indoor playing area at the place.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

84. Play equipment and materials

- (1) A licensee must ensure that play equipment and materials are suitable —
 - (a) for the development stages of the enrolled children;
 - (b) for the number of enrolled children;
 - (c) to provide for all areas of child development and play; and
 - (d) for carrying out programmes.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that enrolled children using play equipment are supervised at all times.
Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

85. Managing the behaviour of children

- (1) A licensee must ensure that an enrolled child is given positive guidance directed towards acceptable behaviour.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that an enrolled child is not subjected to any form of corporal punishment, punishment by solitary confinement, punishment by physical restraint or other demeaning, humiliating or frightening punishment.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that an enrolled child taken from an activity for unacceptable behaviour is supervised by a contact staff member at all times.
- (4) A licensee must ensure that an enrolled child is protected from bullying, violence and harassment.
Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

Division 4 — Excursions

86. Excursions

- (1) A licensee must ensure that enrolled children are not taken on an excursion from the place unless —
 - (a) the supervising officer has prepared an excursion plan in accordance with regulation 88;
 - (b) a parent of each child to be taken on the excursion has, after being advised of the nature, location and date of the excursion, and the proposed times of departure from and return to the place —
 - (i) given authorisation for the child to be taken on that excursion; and
 - (ii) provided the licensee with contact details in the event of an emergency;
- and

- (c) the contact staff member in charge of the excursion has with him or her a list of all those children and the contact details referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) for those children.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a parent's authorisation for the purposes of subregulation (1)(b)(i) has been signed by the parent and includes the following information —
 - (a) the date of the excursion;
 - (b) the destination;
 - (c) the proposed times of departure from and return to the place.
- (3) Subregulation (1) does not apply to an excursion that consists of a walk to and from a destination in the local area if a parent of each child on the outing has given permission for the child to go on that outing or on outings of that kind.
Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

87. First aid kit on excursions

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a fully equipped and properly maintained first aid kit containing at least the items listed in regulation 53(2) is taken on all excursions from the place.
- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to an excursion referred to in regulation 86(3).
- (3) A first aid kit kept at the place under regulation 53(1) may be taken on an excursion if no enrolled child remains at the place during the period of the excursion.
Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

88. Excursion plans

- A licensee must ensure that an excursion plan for the purposes of regulation 86 is in writing and includes details of the following —
- (a) the nature, location and date of the excursion;
 - (b) the proposed times of departure from and return to the place;
 - (c) transport and supervision arrangements for the excursion;
 - (d) the programme of activities (including contingency plans for inclement weather);
 - (e) safety measures and emergency plans.
- Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

89. Contact staff requirements for excursions

- (1) A licensee must ensure that on an excursion from the place —

- (a) a contact staff member who has reached 18 years of age is in charge of the children; and
 - (b) unless the children are travelling in a C class motor vehicle as referred to in regulation 89(2), the children are accompanied by enough contact staff members or volunteers to ensure that there is at least one staff member or volunteer for each multiple of 4 children and for any remainder of fewer than 4.
- (2) If enrolled children are travelling in a C class motor vehicle seating no more than 12 people and fitted with seat belts for each person —
 - (a) 7 enrolled children may travel under the supervision of the person referred to in subregulation (1)(a); and
 - (b) 8 or more enrolled children may travel under the supervision of the person referred to subregulation (1)(a) and a contact staff member or volunteer.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

90. Mobile telephones for excursions

A licensee must ensure that the contact staff member in charge of an excursion has a mobile telephone and can be contacted on that telephone at all times during the excursion.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

91. Transport of enrolled children

A licensee must ensure an enrolled child is not transported in a motor vehicle without the written authorisation of a parent of the child.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

Division 5 — Water activities

92. Wading or paddling pools at the place

- (1) A licensee must ensure that a wading or paddling pool is not kept at the place unless it can be emptied by one person.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a wading or paddling pool at the place is emptied and stored while not in use in such a manner that it cannot collect water.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

93. Contact staff requirements for water play

A licensee must ensure that any enrolled child engaged in water play such as wading, paddling, vortex or water trolley at the place

is directly supervised by at least one contact staff member who has reached 18 years of age.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

94. Contact staff requirements for water activity excursion

- (1) A licensee must ensure that enrolled children taken on an excursion for a water activity are supervised by one contact staff member or volunteer for each enrolled child who is under 3 years of age and one contact staff member or volunteer for each multiple of 2 enrolled children who have reached 3 years of age and for any remainder.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that at least one of the contact staff members supervising enrolled children engaged in a water activity on an excursion has a current basic rescue certificate and a resuscitation certificate or its equivalent.
- (3) The requirements of this regulation are additional to the requirements of regulation 81.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

Division 6 — Safety and health of enrolled children

95. Long attendance of enrolled child

- (1) A licensee must notify the CEO in writing, before the commencement of the period of care or within 7 days after the completion of the period of care, if an enrolled child is placed in the care of that licensee for a period of more than 18 consecutive hours.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that no enrolled child is placed in the care of that licensee for more than 14 24-hour periods in one calendar year without the prior written approval of the CEO.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

96. Protection of enrolled children leaving the place

- (1) A licensee must ensure that an enrolled child is not permitted to leave the place during or at the end of a care session unless the child is in the care of —
 - (a) the child's parent or a person authorised by the child's parent; or
 - (b) in the case of an emergency, when a person referred to in paragraph (a) is not available to take charge of the child, a person authorised by the licensee or supervising officer, having due regard to the wellbeing of the child.

- (2) A licensee must ensure that the CEO is notified as soon as practicable if an enrolled child leaves the place in the circumstances referred to in subregulation (1)(b).

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

97. Illness or accident to enrolled child

- (1) A licensee must ensure that, except in an emergency, medication is not administered to an enrolled child without the written authority of a parent of the child specifying the name of the medication and the time, quantity and manner of administration of the medication.
- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to the self-administration of a non-prescription asthma inhaler.
- (3) A licensee must ensure that an enrolled child or other person is excluded from the place if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the child or other person is suffering from a communicable disease.
- (4) When deciding whether to exclude from the place an enrolled child or other person who is suspected of suffering from a communicable disease, the supervising officer may have regard to the guidelines set out in the document *entitled Communicable Disease — Guidelines for Teachers, Local Authorities and Child Care Centres* and published by the Department principally assisting the Minister in the administration of the *Health Act 1911*.
- (5) A licensee must ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to notify staff members, parents of enrolled children and visitors to the place of an exclusion under subregulation (3).
- (6) For the purposes of excluding an enrolled child or other person from the place under subregulation (3), the supervising officer may —
- (a) refuse to admit the child or other person to the place;
 - (b) in the case of an unaccompanied child or a child who is already at the place, request a parent of the child to take the child from the place as soon as practicable; or
 - (c) in the case of another person who is already at the place, request the person to leave the place immediately.
- (7) A licensee must ensure that a parent of a child enrolled for a care session on any day is notified on the same day of an illness or injury suffered by the child during the care session, or of the occurrence of an accident involving the child during the care session.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

98. Nutrition and food service

A licensee must ensure that —

- (a) the food provided by the early childhood care service to enrolled children is nutritious and varied;
- (b) regard is had to the dietary needs of individual enrolled children arising from any specific cultural, religious or health requirements; and
- (c) the menu for each week and the food preparation hours are prominently displayed at the place.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

99. Hygiene standards

A licensee must ensure that staff members observe and maintain reasonable standards of hygiene in the provision of the early childhood care service.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

100. Alcohol and drugs

- (1) A licensee must ensure that no other person who appears to be adversely affected by alcohol, drugs, or any other potentially deleterious substance remains at the place during a care session.
- (2) A licensee must ensure that a person who is at the place during a care session does not —
 - (a) consume alcohol;
 - (b) take or possess illegal drugs; or
 - (c) take or possess any other potentially deleterious substance.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

101. Smoking

A licensee must ensure that a person who is at the place during a care session does not smoke a cigarette, cigar or pipe.

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

102. Trampolines

A licensee must ensure that an enrolled child who is using a trampoline at the place is supervised at all times by a person who has reached 18 years of age.

Penalty: a fine of \$4 000.

Part 5 — Other matters

103. Medical examination

- (1) The CEO may, by written notice, require a licensee or supervising officer to undergo a medical examination within the time specified in the notice.
- (2) The CEO is to set out in the notice the purpose of the medical examination.
- (3) A licensee or supervising officer must comply with a requirement under subregulation (1).
- (4) A licensee or supervising officer who undergoes a medical examination in compliance with a requirement under subregulation (1) must —
 - (a) obtain a report on the examination in a form approved by the CEO; and
 - (b) give a copy of the report to the CEO.

Penalty: a fine of \$2 000.

104. Notification of convictions

- (1) For the purpose of the Act section 232(r), a conviction of a licensee for an offence against the Act Part 8 or these regulations (an “**offence**”) is a prescribed matter.
- (2) If a licensee is convicted of an offence, the CEO must notify the parents of children for whom an early childhood care service is provided that the licensee has been convicted of that offence.
- (3) For the purposes of giving the notice referred to in subregulation (2), the CEO may require the licensee to give the CEO a list of the names and addresses of the parents.
- (4) A licensee must comply with a requirement under subregulation (3).

Penalty: a fine of \$3 000.

Schedule 1 — Minimum contact staff

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Age range of enrolled children	Contact staff members to enrolled children ratio	Minimum number of contact staff members with specified qualifications
0-24 months	1:4	1A*/B*/C for each multiple of 12 enrolled children + 1A*/B*/C for any remainder

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24-36 months	1:5	If more than 5 enrolled children, 1A/B/C + 1A/B/C for each multiple of 15 enrolled children greater than 5 enrolled children
36 months or older	1:10	If more than 10 enrolled children, 1A/B/C + 1A/B/C for each multiple of 30 enrolled children greater than 10 enrolled children

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