

fact sheet

The Legislative Framework

Act

(The *Child Care Act 2002* (Act))

- Overarching principles and intent
- Legislative framework
- Ability to prescribe detail through regulation
- Reference to other legislation
- Dictionary



Regulation

(The *Child Care Regulation 2003* (Regulation))

- Provides detail on operational issues outlined in the Act
- Schedule on group size requirements
- Schedule of fees
- Dictionary



Department's Policies and Procedures

- Based on powers contained in the Act
- Provides detail about operational issues and procedures used by regional staff/authorised persons
- Covers issues not dealt with directly in the Act and Regulation
- Decision making frameworks
- Will be enforceable
- Available to the public on the Department website: www.communities.qld.gov.au/policy/



Resources

- Support service delivery and inform decision making
- For regional staff and services

Building Standards

- Part of *Building Act 1975* and Regulations (contained in the Queensland Development Code Part 22: Child Care Centres)
- Relates to permanent fixtures and facilities
- Expressed as performance based standards

N.B In addition licensed services will have their own service policies that relate to their service. The Act outlines the types of policies that services are required to have. Services may also have additional policies that are above and beyond the scope of the legislation.

This fact sheet has been prepared by the Department of Communities to assist users of the *Child Care Act 2002* and the *Child Care Regulation 2003* in understanding the requirements of important provisions. If there are any inconsistencies between this document and the legislation, the legislation must be followed. You should refer to the legislation to properly understand its requirements.

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