

# Portfolio Policy Statement

Department of Communities

Disability Services Queensland

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**Title:** Obtaining and exercising a warrant in respect of licensed and stand alone child care services

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## Authority:

Sections 119 to 123 of the *Child Care Act 2002*.

An authorised officer may apply for a warrant, including a special warrant, to enter a place.

## Principles:

The Department will:

1. endeavour to engage the cooperation of the licensee or operator of the service prior to seeking a warrant; and
2. ensure that the Objects and Guiding Principles of the *Child Care Act 2002* are the primary consideration.

## Policy Statement:

The Department will exercise its power to obtain a warrant in circumstances where it is necessary to ensure compliance with the *Child Care Act 2002* and where the best interests of a child have been compromised.

## Links:

Exercising powers of entry and other powers under the *Child Care Act 2002*

## Rescinded Policies

Obtaining and exercising a warrant in respect of licensed and stand alone child care services (358-1).