



# Early Childhood in Australia

*An informative resource for educators looking to move from the UK to teach early childhood education in Australia.*



In Australia, there are 3 levels of Early Childhood which are regulated by the [Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority](#) (ACECQA).

These include:

- Degree qualified educators
- Diploma qualified educators
- Certificate III (Cert III) level educators

All overseas trained Early Childhood (EC) educators require an ACECQA approved qualification to be eligible to work in Early Childhood in Australia. You can find a list of approved & formerly approved EC teaching, Diploma and Cert III level qualifications on the [ACECQA website](#).

If your qualification has not been pre-approved, you will need to [apply to have your qualifications assessed](#) as an Australian equivalent. The cost is about \$130 and is a once-off expense.

Where can we support you?

- Victoria – Melbourne & Geelong
- New South Wales – Sydney
- Queensland – Brisbane

At anzuk, we're always looking for talented educators to fill exciting and diverse Early Childhood (EC) roles. We specialise in supporting EC educators with Casual Relief Teaching (CRT), Contracts and Permanent positions in settings, including:

- Degree qualified teachers
- Diploma qualified educators
- Cert III educators
- Childcare cooks
- Management staff





# Requirements

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## ACECQA

If you have studied overseas, to be eligible to work in Early Childhood in Australia you need to have your qualification assessed by [ACECQA](#). ACECQA are the regulatory body for all things early childhood in Australia. They will assess your qualification and recognise it as an Australian equivalent, sending you a document to attest to this. The cost is about \$130 and is a once-off expense.

## CV and Referee Requirements

We will require your up-to-date CV with the contact details of at least 2 professional referees from Early Childhood settings (name, position, institute, professional email address, phone number). We will require at least one of your referees to be from a director or manager level. Check out our blog to see who we recommended you nominate as a [suitable referee for Early Childhood Educators](#).



# Victoria

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## Early Childhood Teacher (ECT):

- [ACECQA approved](#) Early Childhood degree
- Early Childhood Teaching Registration with the [Victorian Institute of Teaching](#) (VIT)

## Diploma level & Cert III Educators:

- ACECQA approved qualifications
- Victorian [Employee Working With Children Check](#)

## Employee Working with Children Check (E-WWCC)

To work as a Diploma qualified or Cert III educator in Victoria (not kindergarten teacher/early childhood teacher) you will be required to apply for an [E-WWCC](#) which includes completing an online application and presenting your proof of identity at a local post office. As you will need to present your proof of ID, this means you will be unable to apply for your E-WWCC until you arrive in Melbourne. The application usually takes 2 weeks to process (worst case, 4 weeks) and costs \$126.50.

E-WWCC Proof of ID Requirements:

## First Aid Qualification

Most early childhood services require all educators to have up to date first aid, CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis certifications. These must have been completed in Australia. The recommended course is HLTAID004 Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting. Having these qualifications mean you are eligible for work in all our early childhood settings. I have listed a couple of options for you below:

- [Melbourne CBD First Aid Training](#)
- [CPR First Aid](#) (Victoria)

Check out our [Victoria EC Toolkit](#) for everything you will need to know about working as an EC Educator for anzuk Education in Melbourne & Geelong.



# New South Wales

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## EC Teacher:

- [ACECQA approved](#) Early Childhood Teacher level qualification
- NSW [Working With Children Check](#)
- Teaching accreditation with [NSW Educations & Standards Authority](#) (NESA)

## Diploma level & Cert III Educators:

- [ACECQA approved](#) qualifications
- NSW [Working With Children Check](#)

## Working with Children Check (WWCC)

To work in EC settings in Sydney, you will be required to apply for an [E-WWCC](#) which includes completing an online application and presenting your proof of identity at a [NSW service centre](#) or motor registry. As you will need to present your proof of ID, this means you will be unable to apply for your WWCC until you arrive in Sydney. Your NSW WWCC will cost \$80 and is valid for 5 years.

## First Aid Qualification

Most early childhood services require all educators to have up to date first aid, CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis certifications. These must have been completed in Australia. The recommended course is HLTAID004 Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting. Having these qualifications mean you are eligible for work in all our early childhood settings. We recommend the [Australian Training Institute](#).

Check out our [New South Wales EC Toolkit](#) for everything you will need to know about working as an EC Educator for anzuk Education in Sydney.





# Queensland

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EC Teacher: Birth – 5 years of age:

- [ACECQA approved](#) Early Childhood Teacher level qualification
- QLD [Blue Card](#) (Working with Children Check)

EC Teacher: birth – 8 years OR birth – 12 years of age:

- [ACECQA approved](#) Early Childhood Teacher level qualification
- Teaching registration with the [Queensland College of Teachers](#) (QCT)

Diploma level & Cert III Educators:

- [ACECQA approved](#) Diploma or Cert III level qualifications
- QLD [Blue Card](#)

## First Aid Qualification

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Check out our [Queensland EC Toolkit](#) for everything you will need to know about working as an EC Educator for anzuk Education in Brisbane.



# Helpful blogs

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## Prep for Success

If there's one tip you should know as a early childhood educator it's to be prepared. If you're in need of some help in preparing for your next day of EC work let Lauren from our EC team at anzuk take you through her work prep essentials...



## Teach in Australia - Sarah's Journey

Sarah is a teacher from Belfast who moved to Sydney. Our Early Childhood Consultant Anna chatted with Sarah about her experiences so far...



## Male Educators in Early Childhood

It was 2014 Stevie boarded a flight to Australia from Dublin with dreams of exploring Australia's coastline and meeting amazing people. He now works within the Early Childhood industry at anzuk in Melbourne...





# Helpful blogs

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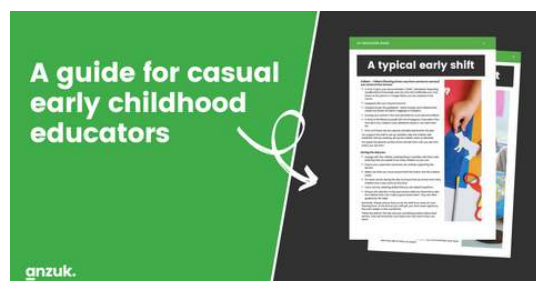
## Tips to a great day in Early Childhood

Making a good impression is important on your first day at a new centre. In my experience, if you follow these tips you are sure to have a great day!



## Teach in Australia - Laura's Journey

Laura is an Early Childhood Teacher from Wales, and moved to Sydney. Our Early Childhood Consultant Siobhan chatted with Laura about her journey and experiences with anzuk Education so far...



## A guide for casual Early Childhood Educators

One of our educators, Lynette, who has worked in early childhood for the last 6 years has taken the time to develop this in-depth guide about working for anzuk Education in the early childhood team....