



Early childhood regulatory forum 2023

The early childhood regulatory forum (forum) will provide an opportunity for approved providers and early childhood education and care peak bodies to engage directly with the Education Standards Board (Board) regarding regulatory priorities, emerging issues, regulatory change and compliance with the *Education and Care Services National Law (South Australia)* (National Law) and the *Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011* (Act).

Purpose

To proactively share timely information and guidance to enable approved providers to:

- meet regulatory obligations
- stay informed about changes to legislation, assessment and rating processes, and regulatory priorities
- continually improve the quality of services provided to children under the National Quality Framework (NQF) and the Act.

It is the mutual responsibility of approved providers and the Board to support, promote and contribute to the education and development, health, safety and wellbeing of children to achieve the objectives outlined in the *Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011*.

The Board may seek input from approved providers and peak bodies on regulatory tools and processes, regulatory priorities and ways of reducing regulatory burden whilst meeting the requirements of legislation.

Attendance

Attendance is subject to invitation. One representative from an approved provider or early childhood education and care peak body in South Australia will be invited to attend. A representative may have a delegate attend if they are not available for a specific forum.

Attendees are expected to be professional, respectful and inclusive. Invitees will have opportunity to contribute as representatives of those affected by regulation in early childhood services under their remit.

Forum format and procedure

The forum will be held at least quarterly, online only and be chaired by the Registrar. An agenda will be circulated before each meeting to allow attendees to submit questions about the agenda items. Forums may be whole of sector, service type specific or topic specific.

A meeting summary will be published, and the forum will be recorded and published. Attendees will be asked for their feedback on the usefulness and relevance of the forum to their work, and to achieving the forum purpose.

