



Giving back to the child care industry

Creating the best early childhood education system is incredibly important for both children and families, as well as for the thousands of dedicated child care workers across the country.

It has been recognised just how important access to quality child care is for the future of Queensland, so steps have been taken to support child care workers, and address the problems in the child care sector.

A major problem in the childcare industry is that almost 40 per cent of the early childhood workforce has no formal child care qualifications.

With a new emphasis on quality and ongoing professional development for child care workers, the Australian Government has provided \$60.3 million to support those who wish to gain a vocational education and training qualifications in early childhood.

The funding will be used from 1 January 2009, to remove fees for child care diplomas and advanced diplomas, delivered by TAFE institutes or other government training providers across Queensland.

Anyone, including existing child care workers, wishing to become a qualified child care worker can enrol in a Diploma of Children's Services and Advanced Diploma of Children's Services, and now have their course fees paid for.

Child care providers across the State are being encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to create the best early childhood education centre in their community.

Please find an enclosed poster to display in your centre's kitchen or lunch room, so all staff can learn about the scheme that is available to them as of 1 January 2009.

Thank you for your co-operation. For more information, please contact your local TAFE.



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- Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE - 1300 130 084
- Brisbane North Institute of TAFE - 13 12 48
(including TAFE Open Learning - 1800 657 387)
- Central Queensland Institute of TAFE - 1300 278 233
- Gold Coast Institute of TAFE - 07 5581 8300
- Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE - 1300 657 613
- Mount Isa Institute of TAFE - 07 4744 9999
- SkillsTech Australia - 1800 654 447
- Southbank Institute of Technology - 13 72 48
- Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE - 07 4694 1600
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- Wide Bay Institute of TAFE - 1300 656 188



You look after others. Now, it's your turn to get looked after.

These days, not much comes free. Which makes the removal of TAFE fees for diploma and advanced diploma courses a great opportunity for all child care workers.

Are you an existing child care worker? Are you a prospective new worker? Are you looking to upgrade or obtain qualifications? Are you wanting to get your skills recognised?

From 1 January 2009, TAFE fees for students enrolling in Diplomas of Children's Services and Advanced Diplomas of Children's Services at TAFE institutes across Queensland will be fee free*.



Apply now!

*Material fees will apply.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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