



NEW LEGISLATION EFFECTIVE FROM 10/10/2016

Dear HAFDC staff and educators,

We have recently been advised that the Federal Government has once again made some changes to the “child care payment legislative framework” that takes effect from Monday 10th October, 2016.

The Minister for Education and Training has introduced changes to the child care payment legislative framework. On its release the Hon Scott Birmingham was quoted saying “this tough stance is necessary as families rightly expect that not only do child care staff have rigorous checks and balances but that their taxpayer dollars are directed to those operators doing the right thing and delivering high quality, flexible and affordable child care to families, not to “shonky” providers offering sub-standard or illusionary services.”

Family Day Care Australia and state and territory FDC associations were consulted in confidence on the changes through the Department of Education and Training and offered principle support for the amendments as they are designed to stop payments being made to operators that are claiming subsidies for care that is outside the policy intent of FDC or not taking place at all.

In summary the changes include:

Ensuring that child care fee assistance is not payable for:

1. Care where there is not a genuine liability.
2. FDC provided in the child’s own home or where the parent is present.
3. FDC or in home care provided by a parent or sibling.
4. Care that is predominantly transport.

A minimum benchmark for existing notifiable events obligations for all approved early childhood education and care services. Services must notify the department where they become aware that a key personnel, staff member, FDC educator or in home care educator:

1. Is charged with or found guilty of a serious indictable offence
2. Becomes bankrupt
3. Has their working with children check refused, amended or cancelled.



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Holistic Approach FDC supports any measures made by the Government to ensure that incorrect and fraudulent practices are stopped in this industry and will ensure that it meets all its obligations in relation to legislative requirements.

It is also important that educators are aware of their responsibilities which are included in our policies and procedures.

We have also attached the legislation in full for all educators to read and ensure they follow any changes as required.

If you feel that you may need to talk further about these changes and how they affect your individual service please communicate this to your consultant and they will guide you in the right direction. If clarification is required for individual services they can contact higher Management.

Kind Regards,

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