State Government Victoria

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

# Scholarships for Existing Workers in Licensed Children's Services

## Guidelines for Employers

### Background

Current national and international research shows that the best indicator of quality in the provision of children's services is the qualifications of staff delivering the service.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is committed to supporting staff of Children's Services to increase their knowledge, skills and practice in the field of early childhood education and care. Scholarships for Existing Workers in Licensed Children's Services have been developed to support staff to take up opportunities to attain a Certificate III in Children's Services. There are 200 Scholarships available in 2009/10 for staff currently employed in a Licensed Children's Service (including Family Day Care and Outside School Hours Care) in Victoria who do not hold a relevant qualification and who are enrolled in a Certificate III in Children's Services course.

Scholarship recipients will be required to enter into an agreement with the Department to work as a Childcare Worker for a minimum of one year in a Victorian Licensed Children's Service upon successful completion of their course.

### Employer/Referee Requirements

Please indicate your support for the applicant's participation in the Scholarship scheme below.

### Employer/Referee Form

Name

Position

Signature Date

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