

Supplement to the Victorian kindergarten policy, procedures and funding criteria 2010–12

Supplement to Section 8: Supports and resources

Supplement date: September 2010

Changes

This policy supplement has been updated to include information about the services provided by VETASSESS to the Department.

Further information is provided below.

All other details in Section 8. of the Victorian kindergarten policy, procedures and funding criteria 2010–12 are unaltered.

8. Supports and resources

In this section:

- Organisations funded to provide support to service providers

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Early childhood teacher validation process

Under current Victorian industrial agreements the classification structure for early childhood teachers comprises three classifications: Graduate, Accomplished and Exemplary. Teachers can apply to progress from Graduate to Accomplished and from Accomplished to Exemplary through the early childhood teacher validation process. Early childhood teachers are eligible to apply for validation on reaching Graduate Level 1.2 and then again on reaching Accomplished Level 2.4.

Each classification level has associated Professional Standards and Roles and Responsibilities.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ecsmanagement/licensedchildservices/workforce/validation>

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has a contract with Vocational Education and Training Assessment Services (VETASSESS) to manage and administer the validation process for early childhood teachers.

VETASSESS employs validators to independently assess applications for reclassification. Validators are persons with an early childhood teaching qualification and a high level of understanding and experience and recognised expertise in early childhood education. The validation process is monitored to ensure the integrity of the process and validators are required to abide by strict confidentiality guidelines and privacy legislation.

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