



Becoming a Family Day Care Educator

What family day care is, the rules it follows, and what you need to start · October 2026



What is family day care?

Family day care is **approved early childhood education and care in the educator's own home**. A qualified educator looks after a small group of children of different ages in a safe, homely setting, with play-based learning planned around each child.

Educators are not on their own. Every educator is registered with an **approved family day care service**, like Amana Kids. The service approves the home, checks every qualification and record, visits regularly, trains and supports the educator, and is answerable to the regulator. Families can claim the **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** on fees, because the care is approved care.

7

children at most with one educator

4

at most of preschool age or under

Mon-Sat

care days at Amana Kids (no Sunday)

0-12

years: babies through school age

A day in family day care

- Play, stories, music, art and outdoor time at home
- Regular outings: parks, libraries, school drop-off and pick-up
- Rest and sleep in a safe sleep space
- Families pack all food; the educator supervises meals
- Daily records and checklists kept on the Amana Kids educator app

Why educators choose it

- Run your own small education business from home
- Choose your days, hours and the ages you care for
- Build close, lasting bonds with children and families
- A coordinator, training and paperwork help behind you
- Not qualified yet? We guide you to a Certificate III

The rules family day care follows



Family day care in Queensland is regulated under the **National Quality Framework**. The **Queensland Department of Education** is the regulatory authority: it approves services, inspects, and can act when the rules are broken. Amana Kids is an approved service, rated **Meeting the National Quality Standard**.

The law and standards	What it means for an educator
Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland)	The Act every approved service and educator works under. Children's safety, health and wellbeing come first.
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011	The detailed rules: ratios, qualifications, first aid, the home, records, excursions, medication, incidents and more.
National Quality Standard (7 quality areas)	Program, health and safety, the environment, staffing, relationships, families and community, and leadership.
Early Years Learning Framework V2.0 and My Time, Our Place V2.0	The approved learning frameworks you plan and record children's learning with (under 5s and school age).
Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (Qld)	Blue Card rules: educators, assistants and every adult living in the home must hold a Blue Card.
Child Protection Act 1999 (Qld)	Your duty to recognise and report harm or risk of harm to a child.

Key criteria for educators

- ✓ **Group size** no more than 7 children, with no more than 4 of preschool age or under. Your own children under 13 count if no other adult is caring for them. (reg 124)
- ✓ **Qualification** an approved Certificate III or higher in early childhood education and care. (reg 127)
- ✓ **First aid** current approved first aid, plus anaphylaxis and emergency asthma management training, with CPR refreshed every year. (reg 136)
- ✓ **Fit and proper** a valid Blue Card for you, your assistant and every adult who lives in the home. (reg 163)
- ✓ **A safe home** the residence is assessed before you start and at least once a year: hazards, pools and water, glass, fencing, smoke alarms, sleep spaces. (reg 116)
- ✓ **Emergencies** an evacuation plan for your home and an emergency drill rehearsed every 3 months. (reg 97)
- ✓ **Supervision and records** children are supervised at all times; attendance, incidents, medication, visitors and excursions are recorded. (regs 87, 92, 158, 165)
- ✓ **Policies** you follow the service's policies and procedures and keep them available at the home. (reg 170)

An assistant educator can step in for short periods, for example a school pick-up or an appointment. They need a Blue Card, driver's licence, first aid, asthma and anaphylaxis training and child safety training, and must be approved by Amana Kids first. (reg 144)

What you need to start with Amana Kids



Your documents and training

Checks and ID

- Blue Card (Working with Children Check)
- Blue Card for **every adult** living in your home
- Driver's licence (front and back)

Qualification

- Certificate III or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Overseas qualification? We help you check if it is recognised

Training certificates

- First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis (CPR every year)
- Child Safety Training 1 & 2 and 3 & 4
- Child protection training
- Safe sleep, Sun Smart and Food Safety

Home and vehicle

- A home that passes the safety assessment
- Vehicle registration and vehicle insurance (each vehicle used for children)
- Correct car restraints for every child's age

Your path to becoming an educator

- 1 Free consultation**
Book a chat at the office, by phone or video. We look at where you are now.
- 2 Apply**
Fill in the online application, or come in and complete it with us.
- 3 Questions about family day care**
You answer our questions form (AKF-03-14) in your own handwriting.
- 4 Home safety assessment**
A coordinator visits your home and helps you fix anything needed.
- 5 Documents checked**
We check your Blue Cards, qualification, training, licence, rego and insurance.
- 6 Approval**
Your educator profile is created as Pending.
- 7 Service agreement**
You sign your agreement for 12 months (start-up and annual registration fees apply).
- 8 Set-up and induction**
Folders and displays for your home, the educator app on your tablet, and training on our policies.
- 9 Welcome your first families**
Your status becomes Active and families enrol with you.
- 10 Ongoing support**
Coordinator visits, an annual home visit, meetings, training and yearly renewal.

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This is a summary. The National Law and Regulations, and Amana Kids policies, are the full rules. Ask the office about anything you are unsure of.