

A-21 Determining the Responsible Person

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My Time, Our Place

LO. 1	Children feel safe, secure, and supported
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Policy Statement

The Approved Provider will ensure that the Centre determines a responsible person to be in day-to-day charge of the service and contactable at all times where the service is in operation.

Related Policies

- The Kids Castle Policy A-11: Maintenance of Records
- The Kids Castle Policy A-19: Nominated Supervisor
- The Kids Castle Policy D-9: Emergency Procedures
- The Kids Castle Policy D-30: Supervision

Procedure

The Centre must always have a Responsible Person physically present at all times whilst the service is in operation.

A responsible person can be:

1. The APPROVED PROVIDER – a member of the Management Committee
2. The NOMINATED SUPERVISOR – a person with a Supervisor Certificate designated by the service as the Nominated Supervisor (generally the Centre Director)
3. A CERTIFIED SUPERVISOR - this is someone qualified to be placed in day-to-day charge of the service
4. A Service Supervisor – this is someone who is placed under the Service Supervisor Certificate and can be placed in charge of the day-to-day running of the service.

The Nominated Supervisor will be regarded as the Responsible Person each day. In the event that the Nominated Supervisor is absent, a person at the service who holds a Supervisor Certificate is able to be in charge of the day-to-day running of the service. The Certified/Service Supervisor does not have the same roles and responsibilities as the Nominated Supervisor.

Under Regulation 54, a certified supervisor is placed in day to day charge of an education and care service if –

- the approved provider or the nominated supervisor for the service designates the certified/Service supervisor as the certified supervisor in day to day charge(as designated on the roster); and
- the certified supervisor accepts the designation in through sign in

There is no maximum number of Certified/Service Supervisors allowed at the service. A person with a Supervisors Certificate does not need to reapply for a certificate if they change their place of employment. Should a Certified/Service Supervisor be in control of a service during a session of care, their details must be displayed with the Nominated supervisor details.

A person who has shown exceptional leadership skills, has relevant OSHC experience and has the skills needed to be the responsible person can be elected by the Nominated Supervisor/Management committee to be placed under the Service Supervisor certificate. There is no limit on the amount of the people that can be placed under the Service Supervisor certificate. The people under this certificate can be the responsible person during a session, in the Nominated Supervisors absence.

The Approved Provider must:

- ensure Nominated Supervisors and Certified Supervisors have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities as the Responsible Person on duty
- ensure the Responsible Person is appropriately skilled and qualified
- ensure the Responsible Person is contactable at all times

The Nominated Supervisor or delegated authority will:

- arrange for the keeping of a “Responsible Person Record” which documents the current responsible person on each shift
- ensure the name of the responsible person on duty is displayed at the entrance of-the Centre
- develop rosters in accordance with the availability of responsible persons, centre operation and attendance patterns of children

Sources

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard
- Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010
- National Quality Framework – Nominated Supervisor Information Sheet
- My Time, Our Place Framework for School Age Care in Australia
- Network of Community Activities NQF Files – ‘Nominated Supervisor’

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