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to keep on completing the professional development. It's important therefore that you read the Educators' section and make sure you and/or the Educational Leader:

- action the checklist results eg if educators ask for help by answering 'T' they get the help they need
- follow up their critical reflection ie help implement outcomes
- use their QIP contributions and display them.

Complete QIP

Management



40 Week QIP Template Click here to download



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Getting appropriate feedback and seeing actions which come from their comments and reflections inspires them

Note QIP contributions can come from educators':

- Monday checklist If educators discovered practices, processes, checklist or areas they need to improve, help them improve eg with training, changing a checklist, a procedure or a physical area and decide whether to include in QIP Improvement section
- Tuesday sentences that explain how they're meeting example indicators. Decide whether to include as a QIP strength
- Wednesday reflection leading to changed practices. Decide whether to include in QIP Improvement section
- Friday QIP strength writing which includes how they're exceeding the element. Decide whether to include as a QIP meeting or exceeding strength.

Each week in the Nominated Supervisor section we will include:

- an area where you can set and monitor weekly goals
- a checklist based on the meeting indicators for the Element
- a review of the Regulations that apply to the Element (or other relevant information if no Regs apply)
- information about employment practices from the Federal Government's Fair Work website

Please note the 'Partnerships with Families' document that comes with the email should be displayed somewhere families can easily see it eg near attendance book and on your social media site i.e. Facebook. It provides families with the opportunity to contribute to policy reviews as required under Element 6.1.2.



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## Analysis of Centre Support – Part 1 To see a completed sample of these pages click here

## Room or Group:

Section	Comment
Goal	
(Page 1)	
Brainstorm	
(Page 1)	
Checklist	
(Page 2)	
6 Meeting	
sentences	
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Reg	
(Page 3)	
Critical Reflection	
(Page 5)	
Training Video	
(Page 6)	
Policy review	
(page 8)	
Critical Reflection	
Group (page 9)	
Optional	

Use the information from the Critical Reflection on Page 5 right hand column (Step 2 Change Practice) and the Policy Review to complete this section. We strongly suggest <u>all educators complete their own Critical Reflection page</u> so they can contribute to the QIP.

Critical Reflection and Policy Review - Actions identified

Input	Quality	Educator	Ideas to be actioned – these become your improvement plan	Date complete

## As Nominated Supervisor and Educational Leader, you need to help your educators to plan HOW they are going to action the improvements they identified.

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Detailed analysis of Centre Support - P<u>art 2</u>, comment and give feedback to your educators from the 3 sections



# Last step – if no adjustments are required, copy directly into your QIP's strength section and display QIP so all educators can see how their valuable input creates your QIP.

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## Why are you doing the checklist?

The practices identified in the checklist are what the assessor needs to see you do so they can check you're 'meeting the NQS'. The checklist will assess your practices against the NQS Element. If you embed all the things in the checklist, then you are meeting the Element 2.2.2. If there's something on the checklist that you're not doing, then you need to either adjust your practice to do it, or you may need help and training to do what's on the checklist.

Element 2.2.2 Incident and Emergency Management - Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented

## NQS 2.2.2 Incident and Emergency Management

### Please conduct this checklist and address issues that are identified

Documentation			
A written risk assessment identifies all potential emergencies that could affect the service	O Yes	ONo	ONA
There are written emergency procedures for all emergencies identified in the risk	O Yes	ONo	ONA
assessment			
Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Record are completed for children that have suffered	O Yes	ONo	ONA
an injury or trauma during emergency			
Regulator is notified of serious incident within 24 hours of emergency	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Records are kept of emergency rehearsals and evaluations	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Insurance policies are up to date and cover relevant emergencies	O Yes	ONo	ONA
There are diary notes to:	O Yes	ONo	ONA
<ul> <li>test emergency equipment in line with recognised guidelines</li> </ul>	O Yes	ONo	ONA
regularly review emergency kit contents	O Yes	ONo	ONA
<ul> <li>remind families to update emergency numbers</li> </ul>	O Yes	ONo	ONA
<ul> <li>organise (refresher) training in emergency practices</li> </ul>	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Display			
The emergency evacuation floor plan and instructions/procedures are displayed in all rooms near exits	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Emergency telephone numbers are displayed near telephones		ONo	ONA
Facilities and Resources			
Exit doors are always clear of obstructions/objects	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Exit doors are unlocked when service is open		ONo	ONA
Exit signs identify exits		ONo	ONA
There's a charged mobile phone with credit available for use in emergencies		ONo	ONA
There's a torch and supply of fully charged batteries available for use in emergencies		ONo	ONA
There's appropriate emergency equipment eg fire extinguishers, fire blankets		ONo	ONA
Emergency equipment (eg fire extinguishers) is tested in line with recognised guidelines		ONo	ONA
and maintenance records kept			

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Rehearsals			
Rehearsals for ALL potential emergencies are rehearsed by everyone present (including	O Yes	ONo	ONA
owners and managers) at least once every three months on different days and at different			
times and documented			
Rehearsals are evaluated and changes made to procedures when required	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Emergency Kit is collected during rehearsal and reviewed to ensure contents complete and	O Yes	ONo	ONA
current including children's/staff emergency contact details			
Attendance records (children, staff and visitors) are collected and checked to ensure	O Yes	ONo	ONA
everyone is accounted for			
Communication			
Information about emergency procedures and rehearsals is communicated to families eg	O Yes	ONo	ONA
email, social media, newsletter			
Families are regularly reminded to update emergency telephone numbers eg via	O Yes	ONo	ONA
newsletter, email, social media			
Relevant authorities are consulted where necessary eg for advice about location of	O Yes	ONo	ONA
assembly point, development of emergency procedures			
Training			
(Refresher) training in emergency practices organised at least annually and documented eg	O Yes	ONo	ONA
in use of emergency equipment, turning off utilities			

## Actions required to embed practice

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## Law and Regulations

# Section 51(1)(a) Conditions on service approval (safety, health and wellbeing of children)

A service approval is granted subject to the condition that the education and care service is operated in a way that ensures the safety, health and wellbeing of the children being educated and cared for by the service

## **Regulation 97 Emergency and evacuation procedures**

The emergency and evacuation procedures required under regulation 168 must set out—

- (a) instructions for what must be done in the event of an emergency; and
- (b) an emergency and evacuation floor plan.
- (2) For the purposes of preparing the emergency and evacuation procedures, the approved provider of an education and care service must ensure that a risk assessment is conducted to identify potential emergencies that are relevant to the service. Penalty: \$2000.
- (3) The approved provider of an education and care service must ensure that—
- (a) in the case of a centre-based service, the emergency and evacuation procedures are rehearsed every 3 months by the staff members, volunteers and children present at the service on the day of the rehearsal and the responsible person in relation to the service who is present at the time of the rehearsal; and
- (b) the rehearsals of the emergency and evacuation procedures are documented. Penalty: \$2000.
- (4) The approved provider of an education and care service must ensure that a copy of the emergency and evacuation floor plan and instructions are displayed in a prominent position near each exit at the education and care service premises, including a family day care residence and approved family day care venue. Penalty: \$2000.

**Note.** A compliance direction may be issued for failure to comply with subregulation (2), (3) or (4).

# Regulation 98 Telephone or other communication equipment

The approved provider of an education and care service must ensure that, when educating or caring for children as part of the service, nominated supervisors and staff members of the service have ready access to an operating telephone or other similar means of communication to enable immediate communication to and from parents and emergency services. Penalty: \$1000.

**Example** Fixed-line telephone, mobile phone, satellite phone, 2-way radio, video conferencing equipment. **Note** A compliance direction may be issued for failure to comply with this regulation.

# Regulation 168 Education and care service must have policies and procedures

Policies and procedures are required in relation to the following

(e) emergency and evacuation, including the matters set out in Regulation 97

### Who has to do what?

You must ensure:

- children are safe at all times
- there's a risk assessment that covers ALL potential emergencies eg may include aggressive intruders, snakes, car crashing into Service, severe dust storms, kidnapping (relevant for AVOs)
- there are emergency procedures for all potential emergencies identified in the risk assessment.
   Getting advice from local emergency services is not required to meet the Regs but may help to exceed the Element 2.2.2
- procedures are rehearsed for ALL potential emergencies identified at least once every 3 months, that everyone present participates, and document ALL rehearsals. Best practice is to rehearse on different days and times so everyone attending gets a chance to practice
- evacuation floor plan and instructions are displayed near each exit
- you and all staff can easily access a working phone during emergencies.

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## **4.2.2 Professional standards** Professional standards guide practice, interactions and relationships.

### Fair Work

The Federal Government's Fair Work website <u>https://www.fairwork.gov.au/</u> has a lot of simple, easy to understand information about employee entitlements as well as some useful templates. Each week we'll share information from the website.

Did you know there are various <u>Best Practice Guides</u> which you can download from the website?

This week we've attached <u>Guide to Employing Young</u> <u>Workers</u> to this week's email. As mentioned in the Guide, there are benefits to operating mentor and buddy systems:

	Mentor System	Buddy System
What's the arrangement?	Mentor – Professional arrangement	Buddy – Potential friend
Who's involved?	Mentor – older and more experience	Buddy – similar age and experience who's
		been around longer
What's their role?	Role model, encourage, assist, identify	Person who can answer 'silly questions'
	training needs	and explain simple issues

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