



# Nature Alliance Family Day Care Service

## Exemption for Additional Children



### **POLICY IN THIS SECTION AS REQUIRED BY:**

Education and Care Services National Law (WA) Act 2012: Section 165, 167  
Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2012 – 'Regulations':124  
National Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care (2010) Standard 4.1.

### **PURPOSE:**

Families may require care in a location where limited care is available due to high demand and lack of facilities. The purpose of this policy is to review each situation as unique and if the requirements of Regulation 124 are met authorise for the Educator to have an additional child on the premises for up to 13 weeks before being reviewed. Another application can be submitted if required prior to the current exemption expiring.

### **SCOPE:**

This policy applies to Family Day Care Educators.

### **PRINCIPAL:**

The approved provider may determine if an Educator may be approved to care for additional children. This decision will be based on Regulation 124.

### **POLICY:**

Nature Alliance Family Day Care Service will consider approving an exemption when an educator has an additional child in their care. The decision to grant this approval will be guided by the requirements of Regulation 124.

If at any time a vacancy becomes available, the child under exemption will take the position and the exemption will cease. If another child is absent on the day of the exemption, the child under exemption will fill that position for the day and the exemption will be void for that day.

### **PROCEDURE:**

The Educator must put in writing to Nature Alliance Family Day Care Service the request to have an additional child in their care. This request must clearly outline the reasons for the request and may include details as follows

- Reasons why the care is required. This would include the families work commitments and any other situations that may impact on the welfare of the child.
- Details of family support that is available.
- Is there a sibling already enrolled in the service.
- Lack of resources in the area to cater for the needs of the child care e.g. child attending Kindy and requires a midday pick up
- Ages of other children
- Duration of the exemption if less than 13 weeks
- Availability of care in the area, this must include all approved care venues.
- Care is required in a rural or remote location and no other service is available.

A request for an exemption in the metropolitan area will be discussed with the Education and Care Regulatory unit for clarification and will be assessed on a case by case situation.

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Staff at Nature Alliance Family Day Care will assess each application and confirm with the Educator in writing the conditions including the period of the exemption.

A copy of the request and the confirmation will be retained by Nature Alliance Family Day Care Service.

These exemptions will be logged and up[dated as changes occur.

**Supporting documentation:**

Application

Evidence to support the Application.