



2024 Early Childhood Education and Care Portfolio

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New qualification exemption for IHC educators working in remote and very remote areas

We are happy to announce that the Hon Dr Anne Aly, Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth, approved an exemption to minimum qualification requirements for eligible IHC educators working in remote and very remote areas. The exemption recognises the difficulty in attracting and retaining IHC educators in these areas.

Commencing on 1 January 2025, the exemption replaces the transitional arrangements which end on 31 December 2024. The exemption is a permanent part of the IHC Program and does not have an end date.

Approved Providers must seek approval from the department in writing prior to engaging an IHC educator under the exemption. Updates to the IHC National Guidelines and information about how to apply will be available very soon – stay tuned!