

5.4 Food Safety Program Policy

The service acknowledges that a best practice approach to food handling, storage and hygiene must be maintained and that compliance with the Food Act (2006) can be ensured by the development and implementation of a food safety program.



Relevant Laws and other Provisions

The laws and other provisions affecting this policy include:

- *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 and Regulations 2011*
- *Duty of Care*
- *Food Act 2006*
- *Food Regulation 2016*
- *Australian and New Zealand Food Standards – Chapter 3 Food Safety Standards (Australia only)*
- *National Quality Standard, Quality Area 2 – Children's health and safety*
- *Policies: 4.3 – Hygiene, 5.1 – Food Handling and Storage, 5.2 – Food and Nutrition, 5.3 – Food Act Compliance.*



Procedures

Where the service is required to be licensed as a food business under the *Food Act 2006*, compliance shall be achieved through licensing the food business with the local government authority.

Where the service is not required to be licensed as a food business under the *Food Act 2006*, compliance shall be achieved through self-assessment, including the development and implementation of a food safety program as guided by the resources available to child care services from Queensland Health.

<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/food-safety-programs-information-for-businesses/resource/d304734d-1f5b-4360-8b31-cdcae53c961f>

Supervisors and educators undertaking food handling at the service will be required to have skills and knowledge of food safety including food handling. Food safety and food hygiene training will be provided through such means as external workshops, in-service workshops, induction, in-house training, and workplace documents displayed to feature food safety responsibilities and requirements in accordance with the service's food safety program.

The service will conduct reviews of the food safety program on a regular basis as part of the Quality Improvement process.

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August 2018	August 2018	October 2021	October 2021
		July 2023	August 2023