

EDUCATOR TO CHILD RATIOS

CENTRE-BASED SERVICES

Educators must be working directly with children at the service to be counted in the educator to child ratios.

National ratios for centre-based services

Age of children	Educator to child ratio	Where requirement applies
Birth to 24 months	1:4	In all states and territories
Over 24 months and less than 36 months	1:5	In all states and territories Saving provision applies in VIC
36 months up to and including preschool age	1:11	In all states and territories Saving provision applies in NSW, TAS, and WA
Over preschool age	1:15	In all states and territories Saving provision apply in ACT and WA

Higher ratios in some states and territories may continue to apply in place of the national educator to child ratios (saving provisions).