

Mixed Age Group Ratios In Centre Based Services

Educator to child ratios are calculated across the service (not by individual rooms) and are based on the youngest child in care. This approach provides flexibility to more effectively respond to the needs of children.

In a mixed age group of children, an educator who is caring for one age range of children can also be counted against another age range of children, as long as the ratio for each age range is maintained and adequate supervision is maintained at all times.

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Age	Ratio	Number of children	Minimum educators required
Birth to 24 months	1:4	3	3
25 to 35 months	1:5	5	
36 months to preschool age	1:11	12	
Total	-	20	