

New ratio requirements

Educator configurations for funded kindergarten services

One room service

11 children or less = 1 ECT (but must consider adequate supervision requirements)
 12 to 22 children = 1 ECT + 1 cert III or above educator
 23 to 33 children = 1 ECT + 1 diploma or above educator + 1 cert III or above educator

One room service

- must meet the educator to child ratio of 1 educator to 11 children
- at least 50% of educators must be qualified at diploma level or above (note: for funded kindergarten programs, this must include at least one ECT per group)

Two room service

45 to 55 children (e.g. 1 group of 28 and 1 group of 27)

28 children = 1 ECT
+ 1 cert III

27 children = 1 ECT
+ 1 cert III

1 diploma educator

Two room service

A service with two groups running concurrently, with between a total of 45 and 55 children in attendance, must have:

- a minimum of five educators to meet the educator to child ratio of 1 educator to 11 children
- at least 50% of educators qualified at a diploma level or above (note: for funded kindergarten programs, this must include at least one ECT per group)

Whether the services have one, two or three rooms, the educator to child ratios is calculated according to the total number of children being educated and cared for by the service.

In this example, the educator to child ratio is met by having one ECT and one cert III with each group of children, along with one diploma qualified educator working across the two groups. The diploma level educator could work wherever they are most needed, across the 2 groups (including in the children's rooms and the outdoor play space).

