CIRCULAR – LONG DAY CARE SERVICES

REMINDER: PERSONS EMPLOYED AS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER UNDER THE NATIONAL LAW - REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A TEACHER

FROM: TEACHERS REGISTRATION BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (TRB)

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From 1 January 2014, in line with the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care (NQF), centre-based services educating and caring for children preschool age or under must meet the requirements for access to an early childhood teacher (ECT).

As a result of a consequential amendment to the Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 (TRS the Act) some persons employed in long day care services are now captured by the TRS Act. If your service employs or will be employing an ECT to meet NQF requirements you will need to ensure that the person is registered as a teacher or has authorisation from the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia (TRB) to practise as a teacher.

Between April and September this year TRB Project Officers contacted each service to gather information about how services would be meeting NQF requirements. This has enabled the TRB to consider a number of strategies to support ECTs to meet requirements under the TRS Act.

Any person employed as an ECT who is not already registered as a teacher must complete an Application for Teacher Registration form and forward this to the TRB. Each application will be considered on a case by case basis to determine whether teacher registration requirements are met or an authorisation can be granted to practise as a teacher.

Applications for registration as a teacher should be submitted as soon as possible but before Friday 13 December 2013 to allow for assessment and processing.

Any person engaged as an ECT from 1 January 2014 should not commence employment until they are registered as a teacher or have authorisation from the TRB to practise as a teacher.

Information relating to the teacher registration process, including the application form, can be found on the TRB website at www.trb.sa.edu.au

If there are any issues regarding requirements for teacher registration for the person employed as an ECT please contact the TRB office:
Email: professional.standards@trb.sa.edu.au or
Phone: 8226 3497 or 8226 5977 and speak to one of the Professional Standards Project Officers who will be pleased to assist.

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