

Now available - *Understanding CCS balancing* presentation

Thank you again to all those who tuned in for one of the *Understanding CCS* balancing webcasts on 15 and 16 July.

As requested by many of you, the webcast video is available <u>here</u>.

In line with our commitment to accessibility, the video is currently being captioned and will be uploaded to our website shortly.

National Police Check clarification: all specified staff must have this check and the service needs evidence of this check

In a recent email newsletter we discussed National Police check information relevant to Family Day Care (FDC) services and educators. Below we are providing some information for both FDC and all other services.

Under Family Assistance Law, providers are required to undertake a preemployment police check (officially known as the Australian National Police Criminal History Check*) for each:

- person who has management or control of the provider entity
- person who has responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the service
- Family Day Care educator
- In Home Care educator.

Australian National Police Criminal History Check information

A police check is made through the police service in the state or territory where the new staff member or educator lives or through another agency accredited by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.

The pre-employment police check must be no more than six months old at the time a specified staff member (listed above) commences employment with the provider.

New police checks are not required every six months, they are only required for individuals commencing with a provider.

Information for all providers can be found at <u>CCS Approval – Fit and Proper</u>
Requirements for Child Care Providers and their Personnel.

*State and Territory police forces have their own jurisdictional terminology for the Australian National Police Criminal History Check. Jurisdictions may refer to this police check as a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC), Criminal History Check, Criminal Records Check or National Police Certificate. The Child Care Provider Handbook has more details about provider eligibility rules, including these checks.

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