

What's it all about?

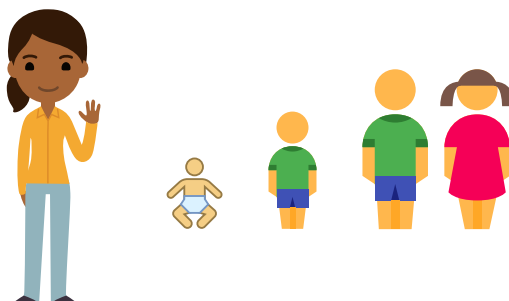
Definition

Working in ratio means that educators are present with the children, focused on the children, and are meeting the regulatory ratio requirements of the state or territory in which they are located. It is maintaining ratio at all times, to support the safety and wellbeing of the children at all times.

What it is not

Ratio is not an 'under the roof' calculation, the educators need to be in the vicinity of the children. It is also not about being assigned to other tasks that take you away from the children.

Working in ratio



NQF

NQS -

2.2.2 - Supervision





Regs -

122 Educators must be working directly with children to be included in ratios

123 Educator to child ratios—centre-based services

123A Family day care co-ordinator to educator ratios—family day care service

How to achieve it

-  Look at your roster to make sure that you are constantly within ratio to support children, including during sleep time in case there is an emergency.
-  Consider tasks such as cleaning, writing up the daily documentation, setting up for meals and sleeps. How much of this can be done with the children and how can they be included?
-  Use the ACECQA ratio calculator to make sure that ratio is being met at all times. www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/educator-to-child-ratios
-  Focus and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of the children at all times as this lays the foundation for them to learn and make progress.