

2010 sees the release of the new Childcare Package with new rules and implications for those currently studying Childcare from the previous CHC02 package.

### 1) First and foremost everybody studying under the old qualification will need to be transitioned to the new qualification.

Probably the first thing you will notice are changes in your student resource centre. They are:

- A) Students who have purchased units individually will notice a few additional units with similar names but different codes.
- B) Students who purchased their course in full will notice a lot of extra units added with similar names but different codes.

These additional units are the new units from the new package CHC08 training package. So how does this work?

- a) The first thing to do is to finish off the unit you are doing and send it in for marking.
- b) Next you will see a unit called upgrade. In your SRC click this on and start working through the questions. Collect any evidence that is required for its submission and once completed submit it. On completion of the upgrade you can start moving on to your next unit from the new package. If you need a full list of unit names to guide you, have a look at our upgraded website. Click on courses, select your course and you will find a complete list of units from the new package.

### 2) Next let's have a look at the new rules

To gain entry into *CHC50908 Diploma of Children's Services (Early childhood education and care)* candidates must demonstrate competence through a recognised training program or recognition process, in the following units of competency:

- CHCCHILD401A Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
- CHCCN301A Ensure the health and safety of children
- CHCCN302A Provide care for children
- CHCCN303A Contribute to provision of nutritionally balanced food in a safe and hygienic manner
- CHCCN305A Provide care for babies
- CHCCS400A Work within a relevant legal and ethical framework
- CHCFC301A Support the development of children
- CHCIC301D Interact effectively with children
- CHCPR301A Provide experiences to support children's play and learning
- CHCPR303D Develop understanding of children's interests and developmental needs
- HLTFA301B Apply first aid
- HLTOS300A Contribute to OHS processes

These units are from the new package and current students studying the superseded CHC50302 Diploma will be required to complete 2 upgrade modules. In some cases (depending on completed CHC30402 Cert III Child Care electives) you may be required to complete an additional unit and/ or provide additional evidence.

To gain entry into *CHC60208 Advanced Diploma of Children's Services* candidates must be recognised as competent, through a recognised training program or recognition process, against *CHC50908 Diploma of Children's Services (Early childhood education and care)*.

As the entry requirements at this level are from the new package current students will be required to complete an upgrade module for the Advanced Diploma, Diploma & Certificate and in some cases may be required to complete an additional unit and or provide additional evidence.

### 3) Upgrade assessment units

Though some of the names of the units are the same or similar there have been some minor to significant changes within the units. Our upgrade modules have been created by the review and mapping of the old qualification to the new qualification. This has enabled us to clearly identify the changes made in each of the individual units. From there we were able to create effective assessment tools to enable all our current students to transition over to the new Qualifications smoothly.

### 4) Cost

All current students will not be charged for the completion and assessment of the upgrade units.

If a student is missing a full unit from previous studies and there is a requirement for them to complete the unit to upgrade, then the unit will be charged out at the normal unit cost