



# Byron Shire Development Control Plan 2014

## Chapter D9 Child Care Centres



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## D9.1 Introduction

This Chapter specifies the controls that apply to **child care centres**. As stated in the Byron Shire Community Strategic Plan 2022, Council values and works towards enhancing resilient, creative and active communities and a sustainable and diverse economy that provides innovative employment and investment opportunities. Council acknowledges the strong evidence indicating significant social and economic benefits that accrue to individuals, families and communities from inclusive access to quality Early Childhood Education and Care and other services that support children.

This chapter should be applied with reference to Byron Shire Council's *Children's Services Policy 2017*.

### D9.1.1 Aims of this Chapter

The Aims of this Chapter are:

1. To enable Council to provide for the needs of children in an effective manner.
2. To specify considerations relevant to the planning of **child care centres** in the Byron Shire.

### D9.1.2 Application of this Chapter

This Chapter applies to the development or use of land for the purpose of **child care centres** on land to which Byron LEP 2014 applies.

## D9.2 General Provisions

### D9.2.1 Child Care Centres

#### Objectives

1. *To enable Council to provide for the needs of children in an effective manner.*
2. *To establish services that are responsive to the need for early childhood education and care for children aged 0-2 rather than to discourage or prohibit service development.*

#### Performance Criteria

Development applications for **child care centres** services in the Byron Shire will be considered in light of identified need and established best practice.

#### Prescriptive Measures

1. Early childhood education and care facilities have a suggested maximum capacity of ninety (90) licensed places or under; and
2. Thirty (30) percent of licensed places are allocated to children aged 0-2. However, this consideration is not relevant to applications regarding preschools whereby funding specifications state that only children aged 3-5 are eligible for enrolment.

**Note:**

Legislation applicable to the regulation of **child care centres** includes:

*Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010*

*Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010*

*Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*

Applicable Council policies include:

*Children's Services Policy 2017*