Nature Alliance Family Day Care Service

Legislative Compliance and Policy Transition Statement

Effective Date: 1 November 2026
Approved By: Approved Provider
Review: Until completion of the legislative policy review

Purpose
Nature Alliance Family Day Care is committed to maintaining compliance with all applicable legislative requirements and ensuring that its policies and procedures reflect the current National Quality Framework (NQF).

Following significant changes to the legislative framework governing education and care services in Western Australia during 2026, the Service is undertaking a review of its policies and procedures to ensure that legislative references and operational requirements remain accurate and current.

This statement provides clarification regarding the application of current legislation during this review period.

Legislative Framework
From 1 May 2026, Western Australia transitioned to the applied National Law framework under the *Education and Care Services National Law Application Act 2026*.

The legislative framework applicable to Nature Alliance Family Day Care includes:

- *Education and Care Services National Law (WA)*
- *Education and Care Services National Law Regulations (WA)*
- *Education and Care Services National Law Application Act 2026*
- *Education and Care Services National Law Application (Local Regulations) Regulations 2026*
- Other applicable Commonwealth and Western Australian legislation.

Further amendments, including the Child Safety Amendments, commenced in Western Australia on 1 November 2026.

Application to Existing Policies and Procedures
Nature Alliance Family Day Care acknowledges that some existing policies and procedures may continue to reference superseded legislation, outdated legislative titles, or section and regulation numbers that have subsequently changed.

Where an existing policy or procedure refers to superseded legislation, the reference is to be interpreted as referring to the corresponding provision of the current applicable legislation, where such a provision exists.

All other provisions of the Service's existing policies and procedures remain in effect, provided they are consistent with applicable legislation and have not been formally amended or replaced.

This statement does not remove or reduce any legislative obligation, nor does it replace the requirement to maintain and implement compliant policies and procedures.

Policy Review and Updates

Nature Alliance Family Day Care is progressively reviewing its policies and procedures to:

- Update references to current legislation and regulations.
- Ensure operational practices reflect applicable requirements.
- Maintain consistency with the National Quality Standard and relevant regulatory guidance.

Responsibilities

The Approved Provider and Service Management are responsible for overseeing the policy review process, communicating relevant legislative changes and ensuring that required operational changes are implemented.

Educators, Educator Assistants and relevant staff are responsible for complying with current legislation, following applicable Service policies and procedures, and implementing any additional instructions or amendments communicated by the Service.

Where clarification is required regarding the application of legislation or a Service policy, guidance must be sought from Service Management.

Communication and Availability

This statement will be made available to Educators, Educator Assistants and relevant staff and will be maintained alongside the Service's existing policies and procedures.

Relevant legislative changes affecting operational practices will be communicated as required.

As policies and procedures are reviewed and updated to reflect the current legislative requirements, the revised versions will be made available on the Nature Alliance Family Day Care website.

Review

This statement will remain in effect during the legislative policy review process and will be reviewed or withdrawn once the relevant policies and procedures have been updated and approved.