



# CAREERS IN CHILD CARE AND EARLY LEARNING QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire will help you to decide whether a career in child care and early learning is suitable for you. It will also give you and your employment services consultant or careers advisor a better idea of the kinds of support you may need in order to prepare for work. If you experience any difficulties in completing this form, please seek assistance from your employment services consultant or careers advisor.

## ESSENTIAL TRAITS FOR ENTRY

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| 1. Are you willing to undergo a Working with Children Check and police check?   | Yes | No | Unsure |
| 2. To the best of your knowledge, is there any reason why you would be unable to pass a Working with Children Check and police check?           | Yes | No | Unsure |
| 3. Are you willing to undergo entry level training, including first aid, in order to work as an early childhood educator?                       | Yes | No | Unsure |
| 4. Are you comfortable doing a variety of work, ranging from light lifting and outdoor work, through to completing forms and reading documents? | Yes | No | Unsure |
| 5. Do you think working with children would be a rewarding career?  | Yes | No | Unsure |
| 6. Do you work well with a wide variety of people?  | Yes | No | Unsure |

## EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Employability skills are required to gain employment. They can be gained in lots of ways and in many areas of your life, including at school, in the community, at work and through hobbies or sport.

Do you agree with the following statements:

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| 1. I enjoy working with others in a team.   | Yes | No | Unsure |
| Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I have worked in a team in the workplace.</li><li>I have been involved in community groups such as Scouts, Guides or sporting teams.</li><li>I have worked with others to complete school projects.</li></ul> |     |    |        |
| 2. I like helping others to achieve their goals.  | Yes | No | Unsure |
| Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I have helped raise funds for charity or a sporting team.</li><li>I have assisted someone to complete a school project.</li><li>I have helped a friend complete a task they found difficult.</li></ul>        |     |    |        |
| 3. I would describe myself as motivated.  | Yes | No | Unsure |
| Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I have made a goal and followed it through.</li><li>I have stayed positive and completed a difficult task.</li></ul>  |     |    |        |



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| <p>4. <b>I am reliable and understand the importance of team work.</b></p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am punctual and get to work or school on time.</li> <li>• I organise my time so that I do not let my team down.</li> <li>• Working as part of a team will often make the job easier.</li> </ul> | <p>Yes    No    Unsure</p> |
| <p>5. <b>It is important to be flexible to changing tasks in the workplace.</b></p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can be flexible to ensure that all tasks are done and shared by the team.</li> </ul>  | <p>Yes    No    Unsure</p> |
| <p>6. <b>I like doing lots of different tasks throughout my work day.</b></p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can switch between tasks at home or at school, and enjoy multi-tasking.</li> </ul>   | <p>Yes    No    Unsure</p> |
| <p>7. <b>I am willing to continually develop my skills to help me do a better job.</b></p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would enrol in a training course to improve my skills.</li> </ul>  | <p>Yes    No    Unsure</p> |
| <p>8. <b>I have good communication skills.</b></p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can give instructions clearly.</li> <li>• I can follow instructions and am a good listener.</li> </ul>  | <p>Yes    No    Unsure</p> |

***If you have answered NO to the majority of the employability skills statements, you may wish to hand this form to your employment services consultant so that you can discuss ways to build these skills through targeted training and support before moving onto the next section.***

## **JOB SPECIFIC SKILLS**

For each of the skills identified below, choose which sentence best applies to you.

1. **Providing care for children aged 0 – 5.**
  - I have experience providing care to my own children, or children of family and friends.
  - I have experience working in a child care and early learning service.
  - I have no experience in providing care for children aged 0 – 5.
2. **Building good relationships with children and families.**
  - I am prepared to build good relationships with children and families.
  - I would need some training to support me to build good relationships with children and families.
  - I am not interested in building good relationships with children and families.
3. **Supporting children’s play and learning.**
  - I feel confident that I could support children’s play and learning.
  - I would feel confident supporting children’s play and learning if I had the right training.
  - I don’t feel that I would be able to support children’s play and learning.
4. **Reporting an accident or other incident.**
  - I would report the incident to my supervisor and fill out the necessary paperwork
  - I would need training and support in communication skills and filling out paperwork.
  - I would not feel comfortable reporting the incident and filling out the paperwork.

***Thank you. Please hand the completed form to your employment services consultant so that they can go through your responses with you.***

