

## EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

## DETAILS REGARDING QUALITY CERTIFICATION-

Early childhood care and education programs are proud to get their quality certification from ECA because they know that ECA is a body that is non-biased with a large research base and committed to supporting centres with tools and materials.

Early Childhood Centres that are continuously improving their programs to provide the best possible educational opportunities for children can now apply to get their quality program certification from ECA.

After an extensive application process, skilled and reliable program assessors will visit your centre to determine that it is meeting global ECE standards. Centres will be assessed on the following parameters.

- Program's Philosophy
- Learning Environment
  - o Curriculum
  - Climate
  - Teaching Practices
  - Facilities, Materials, and Equipment
- Community Cooperation, Collaboration and Financial Support
- Health, Nutrition and Safety
- Staffing and Professional Development
- Involving Families
- Child Assessment and Program Evaluation

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A QUALITY ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE FROM ECA-

- The interested centre has to make a payment of RS. 5,000 (per centre for members) 6000 (per centre for non members) to ECA as fees for conducting the audit.
- 2. If yours is a chain of schools then the following slabs will be applicable:
  - a. 5 centres in the same city- 20,000
  - b. 5 centres not in the same city- 22,000
  - c. 10 centres in the same city- 40,000
  - d. 10 centres not in the same city- 42,000
  - e. for 10 and more please get in touch with us for more details.
- Fees can be deposited directly to ECA account using the details given below: Account Name: EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

Bank Name: VIJAYA BANK A/c.No. 501700301000309

Branch: Santacruz (W)
IFSC Code: VIJB0005017
MICR Code: 400029015

- 4. STEP ONE- you will then be sent the ECA tool for assessing quality standards QUALITY INDICATORS TO SUSTAIN AND MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM STANDARDS. Using this you can conduct a self-audit of your centre in preparation of the quality audit by our assessors.
- STEP TWO- CENTRE VISIT AUDIT BY ECA- an ECA appointed representative will visit your centre and conduct a physical observation and audit of the centre based on the above tool.
- ECA will give the centre an audit report detailing what it found and what the centre can do the enhance gaps if any. Every aspect will be marked on 0 to 10, wherein 10 being the highest.
- If parameters are found between 6 to 10 points then ECA would give a QUALITY AUDIT CERTIFICATION which the centre can display on its website etc.
- ECA will also list the name of the centre on the ECA website under ECE CENTRE QUALITY AUDIT CERTIFICATION. – www.eca-india.org
- 9. How will this help your centre?
- a. You will be able to uphold international quality standards at your centre.