



**Australian Government**

# **CHCECE037 Support children to connect with the natural environment**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release 1. CHCECE037 Support children to connect with the natural environment supersedes and is not equivalent to CHCECE012 Support children to connect with their world.

## Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to support and encourage children's connection with the natural environment.

This unit applies to educators who contribute to the curriculum planning process under the guidance of others in regulated children's education and care services in Australia.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Competency Field

Early Childhood Education and Care

## Unit Sector

Children's Education and Care

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENTS

*Elements describe the essential outcomes*

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

*Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.*

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| 1. Support children to develop an understanding of the natural environment. | 1.1. Identify and use opportunities to discuss with children the natural environment and the interdependence between people, plants, animals and the land.<br>1.2. Model respect, care and appreciation for both natural and constructed environments.<br>1.3. Provide children with information and access to resources about the environment and the impact of activities on natural environments.<br>1.4. Identify Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples' connection with and use of the natural environment. |
| 2. Develop children's appreciation of the natural environment.              | 2.1. Promote the use of natural and recycled materials in learning environments according to service policies and procedures and the needs of particular experiences.<br>2.2. Provide children with opportunities to explore the natural and constructed environment and their local community.   |
| 3. Enhance children's engagement with the natural environment.              | 3.1. Identify opportunities for children to reduce their impact on the natural environment.<br>3.2. Support children to demonstrate respect for the natural environment.<br>3.3. Provide children with opportunities to experience the growth and care of living things.  |

## Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

### SKILLS

### DESCRIPTION

Oral communication skills to:

- interact and engage with children to build rapport
- build children's skills through intentional teaching and use of open ended questions.

Initiative and enterprise skills to:

- determine suitable sources of information about the natural environment.

Technology skills to:

- research information about the natural environment using digital media.

## Unit Mapping Information

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## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e0c25cc-3d9d-4b43-80d3-bd22cc4fle53>