

PROFESSIONAL EDITION · 2026 · NQS-ALIGNED

Childcare Cleaning Checklist

70+ specific tasks aligned with the National Quality Standard refinements effective 1 January 2026 (Quality Areas 2 and 7). For Perth long day care, kindergartens, OSHC services, and family day care. Allergen-aware. Child-safe products. NQS evidence-ready.

DAILY · 28 tasks	90-120 min	Play rooms · nappy/toilet · food prep · sleep
WEEKLY · 18 tasks	+90-120 min	Toy deep clean · soft furnishings · outdoor
MONTHLY · 14 tasks	+2-3 hours	Air quality · high-dust · equipment
QUARTERLY · 10 tasks	5-7 hours	Restoration · NQS evidence audit

DAILY CLEANING · 28 TASKS

90-120 min end-of-day for 60-place LDC

End-of-day deep cleaning combined with continuous within-day hygiene by educators. NQS-aligned. Allergen-aware. Child-safe products only. Locked chemical storage.

Indoor Play Rooms — End of Day · 7 tasks

- Floor full vacuum/mop with low-toxicity product — appropriate to surface type 12 min/room
- Toys with hard surfaces — surface-clean and sanitise (water-based, non-toxic) 15 min/room
- Activity tables and chairs — full disinfection of touch surfaces 8 min
- Reading nook and book corner — vacuum, soft furnishing care 6 min
- Storage shelves and equipment cubbies — surface clean, organise 8 min
- Door handles, light switches, low touch points — appropriate to surface 5 min
- Soft toy and dress-up area check — visible contamination, weekly deep clean 4 min

Nappy Change & Toilets · 6 tasks

- Nappy change tables — TGA hospital-grade product, contact time, surfaces rinsed 6 min/table
- Child toilets — full disinfection, bowls, seats, hinges, child-accessible heights 4 min/toilet
- Hand wash basins (child height) — descale, polish, disinfect 3 min/basin
- Soap and paper towel dispensers — clean, restocked, working order 3 min
- Bathroom floor with disinfectant — child-safe product, dedicated equipment 6 min
- Nappy disposal bin and contents — clean exterior, dispose contents per protocol 5 min

Food Prep & Eating Areas · 6 tasks

- Kitchen benches and food prep surfaces — degrease, food-safe disinfect 8 min



- Sink, taps, drains — descale, disinfect 4 min
- Eating tables — full disinfection, including under-table zone (crumbs, spills) 8 min
- Children chairs (eating) — surface and crevice clean 6 min
- Baby bottle prep area — full disinfection, separate equipment 8 min
- Kitchen floor with food-safe product — separate from other-zone equipment 8 min

Sleep Rooms & Quiet Spaces · 4 tasks

- Cot mattress wipe — surface clean between users where applicable 4 min/cot
- Sleep mat surfaces — wipe and sanitise as per centre protocol 8 min
- Quiet space soft furnishings — visual check, weekly deep clean 4 min
- Sleep room floor — vacuum or mop with appropriate product 8 min

End-of-Shift Handover · 5 tasks

- Chemical storage check — locked, out of reach of children, MSDS accessible 4 min
- Cleaning equipment service — separated by zone, mops laundered 8 min
- Allergen-aware kitchen reset — verify no cross-contamination 5 min
- Visible hazard check — anything unsafe identified for centre management 3 min
- Daily cleaning log signed — contributes to QA2 evidence portfolio 3 min



WEEKLY CLEANING · 18 TASKS

+90-120 min on top of daily

Toy deep clean, soft furnishings, outdoor equipment. Where most QA2 evidence emerges. Distinguishes Exceeding-rated services from Meeting-rated ones.

Toy & Equipment Deep Clean · 5 tasks

- Soft toys laundered or steam-cleaned — rotation system, monthly cycle 25 min
- Plastic toys deep clean — submerge or thorough surface clean, all in active use 30 min
- Construction blocks, manipulatives, sensory toys — comprehensive clean cycle 20 min
- Dress-up clothing laundered — full rotation per protocol 15 min
- Books and library items — visual check, surface clean of board books 10 min

Soft Furnishings & Fabric · 4 tasks

- Cushions, beanbags, soft seating — vacuum, spot-clean, rotate 18 min
- Curtains and fabric wall hangings — visual check, accessible cleaning 10 min
- Sleep room fabrics — bedding rotation per protocol, mat covers 25 min
- Quiet space rugs and mats — vacuum and inspect 12 min

Outdoor Play Weekly · 4 tasks

- Outdoor equipment surfaces — clean accessible touch zones 25 min
- Sandpit edges and surrounds — clear debris, check structural integrity 15 min
- Outdoor furniture — tables, benches, surfaces clean 18 min
- Outdoor storage and shed — basic tidy, equipment integrity check 15 min

Indoor Zones Weekly · 5 tasks

- Skirting boards in all rooms — accumulated dust and crayon marks 18 min
- Door tracks and hinge zones — detail clean often missed 12 min
- Window sills and ledges (child height) — full clean 15 min
- Wall art display surfaces — clean, organise, refresh 12 min
- Educator workstation areas — full clean of admin zones 15 min



MONTHLY CLEANING · 14 TASKS

+2-3 hours monthly

Air quality, high-dust zones, equipment integrity. Most NQS findings against childcare premises relate to monthly task gaps — accumulated allergens, soft furnishing decline.

Air Quality & Ventilation · 3 tasks

- Air conditioning vent grilles in play rooms — remove, vacuum, wipe 8 min/vent
- Bathroom and kitchen extractor fans — accumulated dust and grease 6 min/fan
- Indoor air quality check — observations, ventilation working order 5 min

High-Dust Zones · 3 tasks

- Cornices and ceiling edges — extension pole microfibre 18 min
- Tops of cabinets and shelves above child height — accumulated dust 12 min
- Light fittings and ceiling fans — accessible cleaning 10 min

Equipment & Furniture Deep · 4 tasks

- Furniture detail clean — under, behind, between — full centre 60 min
- Toy storage interior comprehensive clean — beyond surface daily 30 min
- Sleep room mattresses deep clean — surface treatment, rotation 45 min
- Outdoor equipment integrity inspection — splinters, sharps, hazard ID 30 min

Compliance & Documentation · 4 tasks

- Chemical inventory and SDS file audit — current MSDS for every chemical 12 min
- Cleaning equipment audit — colour-coded systems intact, mop heads replaced 15 min
- Allergen management protocol review — verify no cross-contamination evidence 10 min
- Bin and waste system inspection — interior wash, deodorise 15 min



QUARTERLY DEEP CLEAN · 10 TASKS

5-7 hours per quarter

Terminal cleaning, restoration, and NQS evidence audit. Supports your assessment rating cycle. Documentation contributes to QA2 + QA7 evidence portfolio.

Terminal & Deep Restoration · 4 tasks

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Floor strip and reseal in high-traffic zones — where coating permits | 120 min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet hot water extraction — soft floor zones | 60 min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor surfaces pressure wash — playground, paths, equipment surrounds | 90 min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Window cleaning (internal and external where accessible) | 60 min |

Comprehensive Surface Restoration · 3 tasks

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wall mark removal centre-wide — full audit and treatment | 45 min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door and frame full restoration — including tracks | 30 min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture surface restoration — beyond monthly clean | 60 min |

NQS Evidence & Audit · 3 tasks

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly inspection report — written, photographed, to centre director | 60 min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning log review and filing — quarterly compilation for QA2 evidence | 30 min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forward-quarter recommendations — proactive QA2/QA7 alignment | 25 min |

NEXT STEPS

Use This Checklist Effectively

Three ways Perth property managers use this checklist:

1. NQS evidence portfolio

Use this checklist as documented evidence of cleaning protocols aligned with QA2 (Children's Health and Safety) and QA7 (Governance and Leadership). Most "Working Towards" ratings reflect documentation gaps. Match your daily logs to the tasks listed and file as part of your evidence portfolio for assessment cycles.

2. Cleaning contractor scope

Engage cleaning contractors against this specific checklist. ECEC-aware contractors quote consistently against documented scope. Eliminates "we handle whatever is needed" ambiguity. Print the tasks and use as Annex A to service agreements. Specify allergen-aware practices and child-safe products as non-negotiable requirements.

3. Internal staff cleaning framework

For services with in-house cleaning, this checklist provides the operational framework. Daily logs become straightforward — staff sign off relevant sections, centre director files for QA2 evidence trail. Build the checklist into staff induction and ongoing training.

Childcare cleaning that supports your assessment rating.

NQS-aligned cleaning protocols · Allergen-aware practices · Child-safe products only · Documented logs that contribute to your evidence portfolio · Free site walk-through · IICRC-Trained

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NQS compliance requirements with your state regulatory authority and ACECQA.