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## Media Release

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### Outside School Hours Care Licensing and Regulations

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) has been hit with tougher Licenses and Regulations in compliance with the Victorian State Government Children's Services Regulations 2009.

Earlier this week a seminar was held about the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) changes and impact on schools. The event was hosted by *Extend (Australia)*, one of the nation's top private providers of OSHC.

Principals and Business Managers from Melbourne represented their Schools and their concerns, on what looks to be a challenging few years ahead for the industry.

To be prepared for these changes which are being phased in over the next few years, schools need to have a thorough understanding of the Act and Regulations, a good working relationship with the DEECD, an experienced administration team, an A1 administrative system, compliant databases and information access systems. Other significant changes to the OSHC sector include a two year Diploma or Bachelor of Education qualified Coordinator for every service, current first aid, CPR, anaphylaxis and asthma management training is essential for every member of staff, all program staff are required to have a minimum Certificate III in Children's Services or equivalent and be over the age of 18 years. Licensees and nominees also need to be appointed for each service.

Extend (Australia) aspires to work with Victorian schools in implementing these changes to ensure the effective and efficient operation of OSHC programs. Visit [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au).

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