

ACECQA Approval of AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What level of recognition does the ACECQA approval give to graduates of the AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6)?

ACECQA approves qualifications at different levels. The AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6) has met the requirements to be added to the list of approved diploma level education and care qualifications. Future graduates of the course, who also complete a small amount of additional content, will now be regarded as educators qualified at diploma level.

For more details see: http://www.acecqa.gov.au/Diploma-level-education-and-care-qualifications

2. I am hoping to enrol in an ACMS AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6) soon. Will I automatically be considered a diploma level early childhood education and care educator by ACECQA upon graduation?

Yes. The ACMS AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6) has been approved for five years. Graduates of this course conducted at any location, who also complete a small amount of additional content, will be automatically considered as a diploma level early childhood education and care educator by ACECQA upon graduation.

3. I am currently enrolled in an ACMS AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6) course that has already started. What do I need to do?

Nothing at this stage. In order to gain ACECQA approval, a small amount of additional content, has been added to the course. This content includes children under two years of age and indigenous education, for which a small additional charge will be made. Your ACMS trainer will explain more about this additional content during the course.

4. I think I have already completed this additional content as part of another course. Will I be required to complete it again for the ACMS AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6)?

No. If you have already completed this additional content as part of another course, you will not be required to complete it again. Your ACMS trainer will be able to confirm the content you are required to complete for the ACMS AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6).

5. I have an existing AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6) that I received from ACMS (or AMTEF). Will I automatically be approved as a Diploma level educator?

No. Holders of existing ACMS (or AMTEF) AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6) qualifications will need to be part of a credit transfer process in order for them to take advantage of ACECQA recognition. If you would like to be sent details of this process once it is finalised, please contact info@montessoristudies.org to register for an application pack.

6. I have an AMI 3-6 Diploma which I received from an overseas AMI training centre. Will I be automatically approved to work as a diploma level educator?

No. Holders of AMI Montessori 3-6 Diplomas from training centres outside Australia will need to be part of a credit transfer process in order for them to take advantage of ACECQA recognition. If you would like to be sent details of this process once it is finalised, please contact info@montessoristudies.org to register for an application pack.

7. How can I apply for advanced standing of my existing AMI 3-6 Diploma to gain ACECQA recognition?

Please contact <u>info@montessoristudies.org</u> to register for an application pack. This pack will describe the credit transfer process needed to gain recognition.

8. Does ACMS have any plans to seek approval from ACECQA for the AMI 0-3 Diploma?

Montessori Australia and ACMS jointly embarked on the project to gain ACECQA approval for the AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (3-6) and are delighted with recognition and listing. Application for approval of the AMI Montessori Diploma Early Childhood (0-3) is part of the ACMS Strategic Plan and is likely to be investigated in 2017.

9. I have a Montessori qualification from another Montessori training institution that is not affiliated with AMI. How can I find out if this is an ACECQA approved qualification?

If you hold a Montessori 3-6 Diploma from training centre that is not affiliated with AMI, you will need to contact the training centre directly to find out if this is an ACECQA approved qualification.

10. Who should I contact if I need further clarification on my AMI Montessori qualifications?

Please contact <u>info@montessoristudies.org</u> if you require any further clarification on your AMI Montessori qualifications.

