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Dear Sir/Madam

I retired on December 18th 2013 after working as a Day Care Educator for 23 years. In this industry experience counts for very little with Government Departments. It was decided that by 2014 January every childcare worker would have, or be working towards, Cert III in Childcare. However, foster parents are not required to do Cert III. Yes they do train to start with but after initial training they are left relatively unsupervised unlike Day Care Educators who are compelled to do 3 training courses per year plus Child Protection, and first aid every 3 years. Spot checks of carers and their homes are done at least once per month. As Foster Carers have the children in their care 24 hours a day I feel this is totally inappropriate. Two sets of rules in the same industry.

Your sincerely,

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