

## Summary of Regulated Child Care Facilities

### Licensed Facilities

In BC, any facility providing care to three or more children not related by blood or marriage is required by law to obtain a Community Care Facilities Licence. This is to ensure the health and safety of children.

Type of Service	Ages	Hours	Total Capacity	Minimum Staff Qualifications	Staff Ratio
GROUP CHILD CARE	Under 36 Months.	Maximum of 13 hours per day.	Maximum of 12 per group.	Infant and Toddler Educator and Early Childhood Educator must hold a valid License to Practise, and Qualified Assistant must hold a certificate. First Aid Certificate required for minimum of one staff on duty.	1-4 children/1 infant/ toddler educator (I.T.E.). 5-8 children/1 I.T.E. and 1 Early Childhood Educator (ECE) 9-12 children/1 I.T.E., 1 E.C.E. and 1 assistant.
GROUP CHILD CARE	30 Months to School Age.	Maximum of 13 hours per day	Maximum of 25 per group. Not more than 2 children under 36 months in facility.	Early Childhood Educator must hold a valid License to Practise Qualified Assistant must hold a certificate, First Aid Certificate required for minimum of one staff on duty	1-8 children/1 E.C.E. 9-16 children/1 E.C.E. and 1 assistant. 17-25 children/1 E.C.E. and 2 assistants.
GROUP CHILD CARE – SCHOOL AGE	Kindergarten to 12 years	Maximum of 13 hours per day.	(a) Kindergarten or Grade 1, 24 maximum per group (b) Grade 2 or above, 30 maximum per group	Responsible adult with 20 hours relevant training First Aid certificate required for minimum of one staff on duty	Where any child is in kindergarten or Grade 1, 1-10 children/1 responsible adult, 11-24 children/2 responsible adults. Where every child is in Grade 2 or above, 1-15 children/1 responsible adult, 16-30 children/2 responsible adults.
PRESCHOOL	30 Months to School Age. Child must be 36 months by December 31 of entry year.	Maximum of 4 hours per day	Maximum of 20 per group and maximum of 3 groups of 20	Early Childhood Educator must hold a valid License to Practise Qualified Assistants must hold a certificate), First Aid Certificate required for minimum of one staff on duty	1-10 children/1 E.C.E. 10-20 children/1 E.C.E. and one assistant.
FAMILY CHILD CARE (if any child younger than 12 months old is present)	Birth to 12 years	Maximum of 13 hours per day	7, having no more than 3 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old	Responsible adult with 20 hours of relevant training who personally provides the care in their residence. First Aid certificate required	1-7 children to 1 responsible adult.
FAMILY CHILD CARE (if no child younger than 12 months old is present)	Birth to 12 years	Maximum of 13 hours per day	7, having no more than 4 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 4, no more than 2 children younger than 24 months old	Responsible adult with 20 hours of relevant training personally provides the care in their residence. First Aid certificate required.	1-7 children to 1 responsible adult
OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE, if any child present is younger than 36 Months	18 Months to School Age	Short-term Care no more than 40 hours a month	16 children	Responsible adult with 20 hours relevant training First Aid certificate required for minimum of one staff on duty.	1-4 children to 1 Responsible Adult 5 – 8 children to 2 Responsible Adults 9 – 12 children to 3 Responsible Adults 3 – 16 children to 4 Responsible Adults
OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE, if no child present is younger than 36 Months	36 Months to School Age	Short-term Care no more than 40 hours a month	20 children	Responsible adult with 20 hours relevant training, First Aid certificate required for minimum of one staff on duty	1 – 8 children to 1 Responsible Adult 9 – 16 children to 2 Responsible Adults 17 – 20 children to 3

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MULTI-AGE CHILD CARE, if any child younger than 12 months old is present	Birth to 12 years	Maximum of 13 hours per day.	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old	Early Childhood Educator must hold a valid License to Practise, First Aid certificate required	1-8 children to 1 Licensed Early Childhood Educator
MULTI-AGE CHILD CARE, if no child younger than 12 months old is present	Birth to 12 years	Maximum of 13 hours per day.	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months old	Early Childhood Educator must hold a valid License to Practise, First Aid certificate required	1-8 children to 1 Licensed Early Childhood Educator
IN-HOME MULTI-AGE CHILD CARE, if any child younger than 12 months old is present	Birth to 12 years	Maximum of 13 hours per day.	8, having no more than 3 children under 36 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old	Licensed Early Childhood Educator personally provides the care in their residence, First Aid certificate required	1-8 children to 1 Licensed Early Childhood Educator
IN-HOME MULTI-AGE CHILD CARE, if no child younger than 12 months old is present	Birth to 12 years	Maximum of 13 hours per day.	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months old	Licensed Early Childhood Educator personally provides the care in their residence, First Aid certificate required	1-8 children to 1 Licensed Early Childhood Educator

### Registered License Not Required Providers

NOTE: An LNR child care provider is an individual providing child care in his or her own home. The LNR child care provider may care for two children or one sibling group at any one time. This is in addition to their own children, children related to the child care provider by blood or marriage and foster children.
To register as an LNR provider with the CCR, an LNR provider must:
- be at least nineteen years of age (proof of Identification: Driver's License, BC ID, Birth Certificate, Immigration Papers, and Passport).
- provide care for no more than 2 children not related by blood or marriage, with the exception of a sibling group as defined and applied in the Community Care and Assisted Living Act (CCALA). Persons who provide care and supervision to more than 2 children must be licensed under the CCALA. (See the Community Care and Assisted Living Act (CCALA) below.).
- receive a standardized <i>Self Evaluation</i> .
- complete an initial interview with the CCR, completing the standardized <i>Child Care Provider Interview</i> .
- undergo criminal record check.
- ensure that a criminal record check is completed for everyone else in the home 12 years of age and older who is ordinarily present on the premises where the family child care is located.
- provide character references (at least 2) and a standardized <i>Character Reference</i> to be completed for each.

<sup>1</sup> CCALA "Community Care Facility" means a premises or part of a premises (a) in which a person provides care to 3 or more persons who are not related by blood or marriage to the person and includes any other premises or part of a premises that, in the opinion of the medical health officer, is used in conjunction with the community care facility for the purpose of providing care.

- produce a valid First Aid Certificate or proof of registration (approved by CCRR).
- undergo and complete a standardized <i>Health and Safety Home Assessment</i> prior to LNR registration.
- agree to inform the CCRR of any investigation of the care provider or other members of the household involving child abuse, neglect or significant risk to the health, safety or well being of children.
- complete, or have completed, at least twenty hours of family child care training (or equivalent education related to caring for children) before or within one year of becoming registered or within 2 years in exceptional circumstances (ESL course availability, rural area course availability).
- commit to and attend at least two workshops per year of continuing professional development after registration year.
- sign a standardized <i>Commitment of Agreement and Consent</i> .

**It is recommended that parents check that chosen child care providers have adequate liability insurance.**

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