

## Day Care Facility Licensing Information

**Day Care:** Services for children that are pertinent to the child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development and that are provided apart from the child's parents or guardian. These services include full-day, part-day, and school age programs.

A license is not required when care is being provided to:

- ▶ six or fewer children of mixed ages, including the caregiver's own children; or
- ▶ eight or fewer school aged children (five years old by December 31 and attending school to 12 years inclusive), including the caregiver's own children who are also school aged.

**Note:** Having more than one adult present at a facility does not mean that more children can be cared for in an unlicensed setting.

**Facility Type:** There are two types of licensed facilities:

- 1) Day Care facilities, which are responsible for the provision of day care services; and
- 2) Family Home Day Care Agencies, which approve individual care providers to deliver day care services in their homes.

**Address:** The civic address (location) for the facility. Please note that the civic address may differ from the mailing address for the facility. To confirm the mailing address for the facility, please contact the operator.

**Program Type:** There are three types of programs that can be offered by a Day Care facility:

- 1) Full-day, which provides day care for children who are not attending school, and is operated for more than 4 consecutive hours per day or more than 30 hours per week.
- 2) Part-day, which provides day care for children who are older than 30 months old and are not attending school, and is operated for fewer than 4 consecutive hours per day or fewer than 30 hours per week.
- 3) School Age, which provides day care for children attending school.

**Age Range:** The range of ages for which the operator is licensed to provide day care services to children. Day care services may be provided to children from birth to 12 years of age. The required number of adults per children and maximum group size varies according to the age of children in the group and must reflect the age of the youngest child in the group. The age groups, required staff to children ratios and maximum group sizes is as follows:

<b>Table of Staff-to-Children Ratios and Maximum Group Sizes</b>		
<b>Age Range of Children in Group</b>	<b>Staff-to-Children Ratio</b>	<b>Maximum Group Size</b>
<b>Full-Day Program</b>		
Infant	1 to 4	10
Toddler	1 to 6	18
Preschooler	1 to 8	24
<b>Part-Day Program</b>		
Toddler older than 30 months old	1 to 12	24
Preschooler	1 to 12	24
<b>School-Age Program</b>		
School age	1 to 15	30
<b>Family Home Day Care Program</b>		
Any age*	1 to 6	6
Infants	1 to 3	3
School age	1 to 8	8
(*Subject to the requirement in subsection 34(6) that a group of children in a family home day care program include no more than 2 infants and 3 toddlers.)		

**Total License Capacity:** Refers to the maximum number of children allowed onsite at any one time.

**Annual Inspection Date:** This is the date on which the facility received its last annual inspection. All facilities and family home day care agencies are inspected at least twice per year by a Licensing Officer to determine compliance with the Day Care Act and Regulations.

**Unannounced Inspection Date:** This is the date on which the facility received its last unannounced inspection. All facilities and family home day care agencies are inspected at least twice per year by a Licensing Officer to determine compliance with the Day Care Act and Regulations.

**In Compliance:** This will tell you whether the facility is in compliance with the requirements of the Day Care Act and Regulations. Two options are available - **Y** (yes) or **N** (no).

- 1) “**Y**” means a day care centre or family home day care agency was in full compliance with the Act and Regulations on the day of the last inspection.
- 2) “**N**” means a day care centre or agency is currently in contravention of one or more sections of the Day Care Act and Regulations. The violations and “corrected by” dates can be viewed by clicking on the number listed beside “Number of Violations”. Reasons for non-compliance may vary and **it is advised that specific questions and requests for detailed information be addressed with the facility or agency Director and/or the operator.**

**Number of Violations:** This refers to the number of sections in the Act and Regulations with which the facility has not complied. The reasons for non-compliance may vary. All violations are given a “corrected by” date and all facilities are required to comply within a given time frame, depending upon the seriousness of the violation. **For details on violations, please contact the facility or agency Director and/or the operator.**

The violations and “corrected by” dates can be viewed by clicking on the number listed beside “Number of Violations”. For more details on the specific sections of the Act and Regulations that the facility is not in compliance with, please click on the link to the *Day Care Act, Day Care Regulations, or Day Care Standards*.

**Probationary License:** A Probationary License is issued to a facility which has failed to correct an outstanding violation after being given a reasonable amount of time and opportunity to correct the violation. If the violation remains outstanding by the expiry of the Probationary License, the facility’s license may be cancelled or suspended.