

# Prelicensing Guide

The following steps will be required in order for a Temporary License to be issued to your child care program.

## Attend a Prelicensing Workshop

Schedule available on DCDEE website [www.ncchildcare.nc.gov](http://www.ncchildcare.nc.gov) or 1-800-859-0829

## Begin Building, Fire and Sanitation Inspections

Always contact your local zoning office to find out about any zoning restrictions and requirements.

Some agencies require application and plan reviews before any construction begins. Contact each of the agencies responsible for these inspections very early in your prelicensing process to find out their specific requirements.

## Submit Application, Floor Plan, Criminal Record Check Qualification Letter and Prelicensing Workshop Certificate To Lead Child Care Consultant

Send these forms as soon as you have them completed. Your official prelicensing phase does not begin until these items have been received by the licensing consultant.

## Submit Administrator Preservice Requirements form

This form can be sent with the above forms, if an administrator has been selected. Otherwise, send this form to the licensing consultant as soon as the director has been hired.

## Schedule Rules Review with Lead Child Care Consultant

Must be completed BEFORE a license is issued to your program.

Allow 4-8 weeks for scheduling

## Begin selecting and purchasing materials and equipment

Use your CHILD CARE HANDBOOK as a resource

## Schedule Space, Materials and Equipment Inspection with Lead Child Care Consultant

Must be completed BEFORE a license is issued to your program.

Allow 4-8 weeks for scheduling

## Obtain final Approved Building, Fire and Sanitation Inspections

Submit all original copies to Child Care Consultant

## Complete any required training

CPR and First Aid  
Playground Safety  
ITS-SIDS BSAC

## Schedule final inspection with Lead Child Care Consultant

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## Temporary License Issued for 6 Months