



RATED LICENSE FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES



PROGRAM REQUIREMENT	EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets minimum licensing requirements <p style="text-align: center;">1 pt.</p>	<p>Operator must meet minimum licensing requirements which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 21 years old • must have a high school diploma or its equivalent (exempt if operating prior to 1-1-98) • must take 12 hours of annual in-service training (8 hours if 10 years work experience or more) <p style="text-align: center;">1 pt.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets minimum licensing requirements; • Has written operational policies <p style="text-align: center;">2 pts.</p>	<p>Operator must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 2 points:</p> <p>(1) shall have completed 4 semester credit hours of ECE/CD¹ (not including NCFCCC⁷ coursework); OR</p> <p>(2) 5 years of verifiable early childhood work experience and 8 additional clock hours annually of in-service training</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 pts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets minimum licensing requirements; • Has written operational policies; • FCCERS-R⁴ score of 4.0 <p style="text-align: center;">3 pts.</p>	<p>Operator must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 3 points:</p> <p>shall have completed the NCFCCC⁷, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 pts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets minimum licensing requirements; • Has written operational policies; • FCCERS-R⁴ score of 4.25 <p style="text-align: center;">4 pts.</p>	<p>Operator must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 4 points:</p> <p>shall have completed a Level 2 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; OR</p> <p>(1) have completed 6 semester credit hours of ECE/CD¹ (not including NCFCCC⁷ coursework); AND</p> <p>(2) have the NCFCCC⁷, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 pts.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum licensing requirements; Has written operational policies; FCCERS-R⁴ score of 4.5 <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">5 pts.</p>	<p>Operator must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 5 points:</p> <p>shall have completed a Level 4 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and have 1 year of verifiable early childhood work experience; OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) have the NCFCCC⁷, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND (2) have completed 12 semester credit hours of ECE/CD¹ (not including NCFCCC⁷ coursework); AND (3) Either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (A) 2 of 12 semester hours in early childhood education are in child care administration; OR (B) have 1 year of verifiable early childhood work experience <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">5 pts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum licensing requirements; Has written operational policies; FCCERS-R⁴ score of 4.75; Of the 5 preschoolers enrolled, only 4 children < age 1 <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">6pts.</p>	<p>Operator must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 6 points:</p> <p>shall have completed a Level 6 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and have 1 of year verifiable early childhood work experience; OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) have the NCFCCC⁷, its equivalent or a Level 1 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³; AND (2) have completed 18 semester credit hours of ECE/CD¹ (not including NCFCCC⁷ coursework); AND (3) Either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (A) 5 of 18 semester hours in early childhood education are in child care administration; OR (B) have 2 years of verifiable early childhood work experience <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">6 pts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum licensing requirements; Has written operational policies; FCCERS-R⁴ score of 5.0; Of the 5 preschoolers enrolled, only 3 children < age 1 <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">7 pts.</p>	<p>Operator must meet the minimum requirements to obtain at least 1 point in education standards. The following requirements shall also be met for 7 points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) have an A.A.S. or higher in any major with 12 semester credit hours of hours of ECE/CD¹ and have 2 years of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (2) have an A.A.S. or higher in ECE/CD¹ and have 18 months of full-time verifiable early childhood work experience; OR (3) have a Level 6 or higher certification¹² on the ECE scale¹³ and 2 years of verifiable early childhood work experience <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">7 pts.</p>

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Composite Scoring for Star Rating – In each column determine the number of points attained based upon the highest standards met. Total the points from each column to determine the composite score.

<u>Total Number of Points</u>	<u>Star Rating</u>
4 through 6	Two Stars
7 through 9	Three Stars
10 through 12	Four Stars
13 through 15	Five Stars

**Note: You may choose to earn one quality point towards the total points earned on your rated license assessment. See Child Care Rule .2823 for a list of educational and programmatic options.*

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