

## These are the types of child care in BC

<i>Type of Care</i>	<i>Maximum Number of Children in Care</i>
<b>License-Not-Required (LNR) Family Child Care</b>	LNR is offered in the caregiver's own home, and serves children from birth to age 12. 2 children of any age or a sibling group, other than the care provider's own children
<b>Registered License-Not-Required (RLNR) Family Child Care</b>	RLNR child care is also care provided by the operator and located in the care providers own home. Like an LNR, care may only be provided for two children or a sibling group, of any age that are not related to the child care provider. A child care provider who is "registered" has met health and safety requirements, and must continue to meet all requirements, with their local CCRR program. Being a RLNR also means families that attend the program may be eligible to receive an enhanced Subsidy rate which is higher than what an LNR would receive.
<b>Licensed Family Child Care (LFCC)</b>	Licensed family child care is offered in the caregiver's own home, and serves children from birth to age 12. Caregivers set their own hours; most provide full-day care. Part-time spaces and flexible hours may be available in some family child care homes; before or after kindergarten care for 5-year-olds is sometimes offered <b>Maximum group size:</b> • 7 children at any one time. (including providers own children) Of those 7 children no more than 3 may be younger than 48 months old and of those 3 children no more than 1 child may be younger than 12 months old. If the provider has 7 children with NO child under the age of 12 months, 4 children may be younger than 48 months and of those 4 children, no more than 2 children may be younger than 24 months old.
<b>Licensed Group Child Care</b>	Not more than 12 in a group (children under 3 years of age), with a 1:4 ratio
<b>Licensed Group Child Care</b>	Not more than 25 in a group (children 30 months to school age), with a 1:8 ratio
<b>School Age Child Care</b>	Not more than 20 to 25 children in a group (kindergarten up to and including age 12), with a 1:12 ratio
<b>Preschool</b>	Not more that 20 children in a group (30 months to school age) care for not more than 4 hours per day, with a 1:10 ratio
<b>Multi-Age Child Care</b>	Children's ages 0-12 yrs 8 children per group. Of the 8 children no more than 3 children may be younger than 36 months old and of those 3 children, no more than 1 child may be younger than 12 months old. If no child younger than 12 months old is present, than of the 8 children, 3 children may be younger than 36 months <b>1 Early Childhood Educator for each group of 8 children.</b>
<b>In-Home Multi-Age Child Care</b>	Children's ages 0-12 yrs 8 children at any one time. Of the 8 children no more than 3 children may be younger than 36 months old and of those 3 children no more than 1 child may be younger than 12 months old. If no child younger than 12 months old is present, than of the 8 children, 3 children may be younger than 36 months <b>1 Early Childhood Educator for each group of 8 children.</b>
<b>In Child's Own Home</b>	Care in the child's own home. Children in the family.

The provision of care to three or more children who are not related to the care provider and are not a sibling group requires a **Community Care Facilities License** (see [Community Care Facilities Licensing](#) and [Resources for Families & Providers](#)). If a person or facility providing child care is *not* in compliance with these Child Care Regulations, they are operating **illegally**. The [Community Care Facilities Branch](#), Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, is responsible for the development and implementation of legislation, policy and guidelines to protect the health and safety of persons being cared for in licensed facilities

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