

These are the types of Child Care in BC

Type of Care	Maximum Number of Children in Care
License-Not-Required (LNR) Family Child Care	(LNR) 2 children or a sibling group, other than the care providers own children (birth up to and including age 12).
Registered License-Not-Required (RLNR) Family Child Care	(RLNR) Registered with the Child Care Resource & Referral Program 2 children or a sibling group, other than the care provider's own children (birth up to and including age 12)
Licensed Family Child Care (LFCC)	7 children including the care provider's own children under the age of 12. No more than: 3 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old or 4 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 4, no more than 2 children younger than 24 months old.
Licensed Group Child Care	Not more than 12 in a group (children under 3 years of age), with a 1:4 ratio
Licensed Group Child Care	Not more than 25 in a group (children 30 months to school age), with a 1:8 ratio
School Age Child Care	Not more than 20 to 25 children in a group (kindergarten up to and including age 12), with a 1:10 ratio
School Age Care on School Grounds	24 children from Kindergarten and Grade 1 OR 30 children from Grade 2 and older with no Kindergarten or Grade 1 children present with a 1:10 ratio OR 1:15 ratio
Recreational Care	No maximum, as long as usable floor area of a space used for activity is sufficient to ensure the health and safety of children participating in the activity. 1:12 ratio for Kindergarten and Grade 1 OR 1:15 ratio for Grade 2 and older
Preschool	Not more than 20 children in a group (30 months to school age) care for not more than 4 hours per day, with a 1:10 ratio
Multi-Age Child Care	Provision of care in a group setting to children of various ages to a maximum of 8 children 1 Early Childhood Educator for each group of 8 children 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
In-Home Multi-Age Child Care	Provision of care in licensed family setting to children of various ages to a maximum of 8 children 1 Early Childhood Educator for each group of 8 children8 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 old.
In Child's Own Home	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 and Assisted Living Act and Child Care Licensing Regulation). If a person or facility providing child care is not in compliance with these Child Care Regulations, they are operating illegally. The Child Care Licensing Regulation, Ministry of Health, 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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