

Types of Licensed Child Care in Oregon

Registered Family Child Care Home

General Characteristics

- The child care business is in the provider's own home. License is limited to one provider per household.
- A maximum number of 10 children are allowed in care at any one time. Of those 10 children, six children may be preschool age or younger, of which only two of the six children may be under 24 months of age. The provider's own children are included in the number of children in care.
- Prior to a license being issued, changing to a new home address, reopening a license after a lapse in time, or renewing a license every two years, the provider must satisfactorily complete an on-site health and safety review conducted by the division.
- The provider, all other residents of the home, substitute caregivers, and frequent visitors 18 years of age or older must be enrolled in the division's Criminal History Registry.

Certified Family Child Care Home

General Characteristics

- The child care business is in a single family home; usually the provider's own home. License is limited to one provider per household. The provider may hire additional staff.
- A maximum number of 12 children (16 children allowed with prior approval by the division) are allowed in care at any one time. The provider's own children are included in the determination of caregiver/child ratio and group size.
- A representative from Environmental Health or the Department of Human Services Health Division, as well as a Licensing Specialist from the Child Care Division must inspect and approve the home prior to a license being issued. Each agency will conduct an annual inspection at license renewal.
- The owner, provider, all other residents of the home, substitute caregivers, frequent visitors and staff 18 years of age or older must be enrolled in the division's Criminal History Registry.

Certified Child Care Center

General Characteristics

- The child care business is in a facility that has met zoning, occupancy, and building code requirements; usually a commercial building.
- The maximum number of children allowed in care depends on the square footage of the building, number of qualified staff, and various other factors. License reflects maximum number of children allowed in care at any one time.
- A representative of Environmental Health or the Department of Human Services Health Division, local Fire Department, as well as a Licensing Specialist from the Child Care Division must inspect and approve the facility prior to license being issued. Each agency will conduct an annual inspection at license renewal.
- The owner, operator, child care staff, volunteers, or any individual who may have unsupervised contact with child care children during operation hours that are 18 years of age or older must be enrolled in the division's Criminal History Registry.

Child Care That Does NOT Require Regulation in Oregon

Oregon does not require some types of child care to be licensed by the Child Care Division. **Child care is exempt from regulation if:**

- Child care provider cares for three or fewer children, not including their own children.
- Child care provider cares for any number of children from the same family, not including their own children.
- Care is provided in the home of the child(ren).
- Care is provided by the child(ren)'s parent, guardian, or person acting in place of a parent; or a person related to the child care children by blood, marriage, or adoption.
- Care is provided on an occasional basis by a person, sponsor, or organization not ordinarily engaged in providing child care.
- Facility is primarily educational and provides care to children 36 months or older, but not yet attending kindergarten for four hours or less a day.
- Facility is primarily supervised and provides child-focused training in a specific subject that includes, but is not limited to: dancing, drama, music, or religion. This exclusion applies only to the time that the children are participating in the training.
- Facility is primarily an incident of group athletic or social activities sponsored by or under the supervision of an organized club or hobby group. This exclusion applies only to the time engaged in the group athletic or social activities, and if the children can come and go as they please.
- Facility is operated by a school district, political subdivision of the state of Oregon, or a government agency.
- Facility provides care while child's parent remains on premises and is engaged in non-work activity offered by the facility (ie health clubs).

Only one exemption at a time may apply, they cannot be combined.