

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. A 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. Two of the six preschool children may be under 24 months of age. The provider's own children are included in the number of children in care until they turn 10 years old.
- 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 Child Care Licensing 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 Child Care Licensing Division's Central Background 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 with prior approval by the Child Care Licensing 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.
- An environmental health specialist, as well as a licensing specialist from the Child Care Licensing Division must inspect and approve the home prior to a license being issued. Both specialists must conduct an annual inspection before a license is renewed.
- The provider, all other residents of the home, substitute caregivers, staff, volunteers, and 18 years of age or older must be enrolled in the Child Care Licensing Division's Central Background 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. The license reflects maximum number of children allowed in care at any one time.
- An environmental health specialist, the local fire department, as well as a licensing specialist from the Child Care Licensing Division must inspect and approve the facility prior to a license being issued. All three inspections must be conducted annually before a license is renewed.
- The director, 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 Child Care Licensing Division's Central Background Registry.

Child Care That Does NOT Require Licensing in Oregon

Oregon does not require some types of child care to be licensed by the Child Care Licensing 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.
- Care is provided for school-age children that is primarily a single enrichment activity for eight hours or less a week.
- Facility provides care that is primarily group athletic or social activities sponsored by or under the supervision of an organized clubs or hobby group. This exclusion applies only to the time that the children are participating in the group athletic or social activity.
- 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 (e.g. health clubs).
- Facility is a preschool recorded program.

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