



National Child Care Information Center

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LICENSING FREQUENCY FOR CENTERS, SMALL FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES (MAY 2003)

State	Number of Years for Which License* is Valid		
	Center	Small Family Child Care	Large Family Child Care
Alabama	2	2	2
Alaska	2	2	2
Arizona	3	3 ^a	3 ^a
Arkansas	Non-expiring	Not Licensed (NL) ^d	Non-expiring ^b
California	Non-expiring	Non-expiring	Non-expiring
Colorado	Non-expiring	Non-expiring	Non-expiring
Connecticut	2	2	2
Delaware	1	1	1
District of Columbia	1	1	No Category (NC)
Florida	1	1	1
Georgia	1	1	1
Hawaii	1	1 ^c	1
Idaho	2	NL ^f	NL ^a
Illinois	3	3	3
Indiana	2	NL	2
Iowa	1	NL ^d	1 ^c
Kansas	Non-expiring	1 ^c	1
Kentucky	1	3 ^a	1
Louisiana	1	NL ^d	NL
Maine	1	1 ^a	NC
Maryland	1	2 ^c	NC
Massachusetts	2	Up to 3 years	Up to 3 years
Michigan	2	3 ^c	3
Minnesota	2	Up to 2 yrs	Up to 2 years
Mississippi	1	NL ^d	1
Missouri	Up to 2 years	Up to 2 years	Up to 2 years
Montana	Up to 3 years	Up to 3 years ^c	Up to 3 years ^c
Nebraska	Non-expiring ^b	Non-expiring ^e	Non-expiring
Nevada	1	1	1
New Hampshire	3	3	3
New Jersey	3	NL ^g	NL/NC
New Mexico	1	1	1
New York	2	2 ^c	2
North Carolina	Non-expiring	Non-expiring	Non-expiring
North Dakota	Up to 2 years	Up to 2 years	1

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State	Number of Years for Which License* is Valid		
	Center	Small Family Child Care	Large Family Child Care
Ohio	2	NL	2
Oklahoma	Non-expiring	Non-expiring	Non-expiring
Oregon	1	2 ^c	1 ^a
Pennsylvania	1	2	2
Puerto Rico	2	2	NC
Rhode Island	1	2 ^a	2 ^a
South Carolina	2	1	2
South Dakota	Non-expiring	NL ^d	1
Tennessee	1	1	1
Texas	Non-expiring	Non-expiring	Non-expiring
Utah	1	1	1
Vermont	1	1	NC
Virginia	Up to 3 years	NL ^d	Up to 3 years
Washington	3	3	NC
West Virginia	2	2 ^c	2 ^a
Wisconsin	2	2 ^a	NC
Wyoming	Up to 2 years	Up to 2 years	Up to 2 years

*In some cases, length of validity may apply to certification or registration rather than licensing; refer to *key* below for details.

**In some States, a non-expiring license may be called an open-ended license, an evergreen license, or a perpetual license.

Key:

- a - Certification required
- b - After initial one-year provisional license
- c - Registration required
- d - Voluntary registration
- e - Self-certification
- f - Voluntary license
- g - Voluntary certification