

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PROVIDERS

What experience do I need to become a licensed home child care provider?

Home child providers should have experience with children such as taking care of family members, working with children or volunteering with children.

Who should I contact if I want to become a licenced home child care provider?

Contact your licensed home child care agency of choice and ask them about their screening processes and how to become a licensed provider. Agencies acquire and hold the licenses from the Ministry of Education for their licensed home child care providers.

How many children can a licensed home child care provider care for?

As of July 1, 2019, under the [Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014](#), a licensed home child care provider can care for a maximum of six (6) children under the age of 13. Providers must care for a maximum of only three (3) children under the age of two (2) (including their own children).

Does a provider have to count their own children?

Yes. Licensed home child care providers must count their own children under the age of four (4). As of July 1, 2019, providers no longer need to count their own children aged four (4) and older.

Can a home-based child care provider care for more children if another adult is present?

No. The maximum number of children applies regardless of the number of adults in the home.

What should I consider when preparing my home for a child care business?

Prospective licensed home child care providers should consider their hours of operation, how many children they wish to care for, safe indoor and outdoor spaces, equipment, early learning activities and supplies in order to provide high-quality licensed home child care.

How will I get paid?

Licensed home child care agencies collect fees from families and determine a payment schedule for providers once contracted. Agencies have their own payment schedules. Be sure to discuss any financial questions you may have with your agency.

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