

Explore the Possibility of Operating a Regulated Family Child Care Home

Regulated family child care homes provide child care services caring for a small group of young children in a safe environment that meets their developmental needs.

You will support families and your community by providing high-quality care for children. If you have young children of your own, it is a great way to be home with them while earning an income.

Consider this rewarding career where you can be your own boss while earning an income in your home.

In Saskatchewan, individuals can operate a **regulated** or unregulated child care home.

Regulated Child Care

- ✓ Can care for up to **eight children**, including your own, under the age of 10. Must follow further requirements depending on the ages of the children.
- ✓ Can operate a Group Family Child Care Home to accommodate up to **12 children**, including your own, under the age of 10, with the help of an adult assistant. Must follow further requirements depending on the ages of the children.
- ✓ Eligible for grants from the Ministry of Education to support start-up costs, operational costs, equipment purchases, nutritious meal provisions, training and professional development and reduced parent fees for children under the age of six.
- ✓ Meet standards from *The Child Care Act and Regulations* which are outlined in the *Child Care Licensee Manual* to support child care facilities to ensure the safety and quality of their program.
- ✓ Receive support from the Ministry of Education's Early Learning and Child Care Program and an Early Learning and Child Care Consultant.
- ✓ Have access to program supports and resources and professional development opportunities.

Regulation

The Ministry of Education provides oversight for the Early Learning and Child Care Program and regulates child care facilities in accordance with *The Child Care Act, 2014* and *The Child Care Regulations, 2015*.

These pieces of legislation establish the standards regulated child care facilities must meet to ensure children's health, safety and well-being.

Once you're regulated, you'll receive ongoing support from an Early Learning and Child Care Consultant. These consultants are available to answer any questions and provide materials and resources. Consultants conduct unscheduled visits as well as annual reviews to determine compliance with regulations.





Considerations

As a regulated provider, you'll have the opportunity to expand your knowledge in the area of Early Childhood Education. Within the first year of being regulated you will need to successfully complete a 40-hour introductory course in early childhood education from an accredited institution. Additionally, you must maintain your first-aid and CPR training. You will also complete six hours of professional development each year. The Ministry of Education provides grants to assist with the cost of training and professional development.

It's also important for you to consider the responsibilities and costs associated with running a child care business to help determine if this career is right for you. This includes activities such as record-keeping, reporting of enrollment, program planning, and grocery shopping, which will extend beyond your operational hours. These tasks require licensees to have equipment such as a computer with software and moderate computer skills.

Before You Apply

If you have decided that opening a Regulated Child Care Home is right for you, you must complete the Family Child Care Home Applicant Information Session available online at www.saskatchewan.ca/childcarehome to understand the application process and operational requirements.

The *Child Care Licensee Manual* describes all the requirements in order to open and operate a regulated child care home and can be found on our website here: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/76930>.

Application

Once you've completed the information session, please submit an application package which includes an application form, Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Sector Check for anyone 18 years of age or older living in your home, a Family Assessment Questionnaire, and a Direct Deposit Payment Request Form. These documents are available on our website at www.saskatchewan.ca/childcarehome.

Once the Ministry has received your completed application package, Ministry staff will contact you to discuss next steps. This will include a meeting to discuss your Family Assessment Questionnaire, and group meetings with other prospective providers to review the regulatory requirements.

Your interest in providing quality child care is valued.

Thank you for taking the first steps to learning more about this exciting career!

For further information, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/childcarehome