PART V – STANDARDS FOR HOMES
QUALIFICATIONS - LICENSEES

SECTION 61

(4) Subject to subsection (5), within one year after being granted a licence to operate a home, a licensee must successfully complete:

(a) a 45-hour introductory course in early childhood education; or

(b) education or training that, in the Director's opinion, is equivalent to the course described in clause (a).

(5) Persons who became licensees before July 1, 2001 are not required to complete the education or training mentioned in subsection (4).

(6) Within three years after being granted a licence to operate a group family child care home, a licensee must meet or exceed the qualifications of an early childhood educator I.

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INTENT

The intent of this section is to ensure caregivers have the required skills, knowledge and competencies to provide appropriate environments for children.

POLICY

Only course work that is post-secondary will be considered for certification.

Only course work completed through an accredited public college or university will be considered for certification.

Transcripts from post-secondary institutions within Canada or the United States must be sent directly by the institution to the Ministry of Education, Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Certification.

For post-secondary institutions outside of North America, a course-by-course evaluation must be completed by World Education Services (WES). WES must send this evaluation directly to Ministry of Education-ECE Certification.

GUIDELINES

45-hour courses that meet the requirements outlined in subsection 4 are those courses that address Child Development, Programming or Child Management.

Classification as an ECE I is granted upon successful completion of a 9-credit unit Orientation to early childhood course through Saskatchewan Polytechnic or 9-credit units of equivalent education or training.

Classification as an ECE II is granted upon successful completion of a one year early childhood certificate from a recognized college in Canada or 39-credit units of equivalent education or training.

Classification as an ECE III is granted upon successful completion of a two year early childhood diploma from a recognized college in Canada or 81-credit units of equivalent education or training.

Further information about ECE Certification, including an application for certification, may be found online on the Government of Saskatchewan website.