



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care



Summary of
Regulated Child Care



Schedule E

[am. B.C. Regs. 176/2010; 202/2011, s. 23.]

(Section 34 [group sizes and employee to children ratios])

Group sizes and employee to children ratios

- 1 (1) In Column 3 of the table, " \leq " signifies a number of children that is less than or equal to the number specified.
- (2) Subject to subsections (4) to (5), a licensee providing a care program described in Column 1 must ensure that
 - (a) children are divided into groups such that the number of children in each group is no more than that set out in Column 2 opposite the care program, and
 - (b) the ratio of employees to children for each group is no less than that set out in Column 4 opposite
 - (i) the care program, and
 - (ii) the number of children in the group, as set out in Column 3.
- (3) Subject to subsections (4) to (5), if a child is related to the licensee by blood or marriage and is a member of a group, the group size includes that child.
- (4) In respect of a licensee providing a care program described as Family Child Care or In-Home Multi-Age Child Care,
 - (a) the licensee may provide care to only one group of children, and
 - (b) the group size does not include any person who is 12 years of age or older and related by blood or marriage to the licensee.
- (5) A licensee providing a care program described as Preschool (30 Months to School Age) is not required to have an assistant if
 - (a) the licensee has a parent education program approved by the medical health officer,
 - (b) a parent, or a person designated in writing by a parent, who has taken the program is present in the community care facility to assist the educator, and
 - (c) the medical health officer has approved, in writing, the licensee's plan not to have an assistant.

Care program	Maximum group size	Children per group	Ratio of employees to children in each group
Group Child Care (Under 36 Months)	12, with a separate area designated for each group	≤ 4	One infant and toddler educator
		5 – 8	One infant and toddler educator and one other educator
		9 – 12	One infant and toddler educator, one other educator and one assistant
Group Child Care (30 Months to School Age)	25, with not more than 2 children younger than 36 months old in a single group	≤ 8	One educator
		9 – 16	One educator and one assistant
		17 – 25	One educator and 2 assistants
Preschool (30 Months to School Age)	20	≤ 10	One educator
		11 – 20	One educator and one assistant
Group Child Care (School Age), if any preschool child or child in grade 1 is present	24	≤ 12	One responsible adult
		13 – 24	2 responsible adults
Group Child Care (School Age), if no preschool child or child in grade 1 is present	30	≤ 15	One responsible adult
		16 – 30	2 responsible adults
Family Child Care, if any child younger than 12 months old is present	7, having no more than 3 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old	≤ 7	The licensee
Family Child Care, if no child younger than 12 months old is present	7, having no more than 4 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 4, no more than 2 children younger than 24 months old	≤ 7	The licensee

Occasional Child Care, if any child present is younger than 36 months old	16	≤ 4	One responsible adult
		5 – 8	2 responsible adults
		9 – 12	3 responsible adults
		13 – 16	4 responsible adults
Occasional Child Care, if no child present is younger than 36 months old	20	≤ 8	One responsible adult
		9 – 16	2 responsible adults
		17 – 20	3 responsible adults
Multi-Age Child Care, if any child younger than 12 months old is present	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old	≤ 8	One educator
Multi-Age Child Care, if no child younger than 12 months old is present	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months old	≤ 8	One educator
In-Home Multi-Age Child Care, if any child younger than 12 months old is present	8, having no more than 3 children under 36 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old	≤ 8	The licensee, who must be certified as an educator
In-Home Multi-Age Child Care, if no child younger than 12 months old is present	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months old	≤ 8	The licensee, who must be certified as an educator
Child-minding	24, with each child younger than 12 months counted as 2.5 children, each child younger than 36 months but 12 months or older counted as 2 children, and each child 36 months or older counted as 1 child	≤ 8 9 – 17 18 – 24	1 responsible adult 2 responsible adults 3 responsible adults