



Child Day Care

ECE HAS IDENTIFIED AND IMPLEMENTED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANNUAL LICENSING INSPECTION SYSTEM, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015.

What is it?

The Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) licenses family day homes, day care centres, preschools and Aboriginal Head Start programs under the Northwest Territories *Child Day Care Act and Standards Regulations*. ECE inspects, monitors, provides support as well as funding to licensed child day care programs. To be issued a child day care license a program must meet the requirements set out in the act and regulations.



What has changed?

ECE conducted a thorough review of the inspection process and effective April 1, 2015 the following changes have been made:

☑ The *Child Day Care Act and Standards Regulations*, that all licensed early childhood program must follow, have been classified into 3 categories, based on the potential risk for harm to children, alongside an identification of consequences in cases of non-compliance. For more information please see attachment.

☑ The public will be able to view annual licensing information on-line by May 15, 2015. Licensing inspections that take place after April 1, 2015 will have information posted on ECE's website at: <http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/>.

No changes have been made to the *NWT Child Day Care Act and Standards Regulations*. Programs must continue to adhere to the same standards as before. The improvements to the inspection process will further protect the health and safety of children attending licensed child day care programs and strengthens the monitoring and accountability of licensed child day care programs.

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