

10A NCAC 09 .1702 APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE FOR A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

(a) Any person who plans to operate a family child care home (FCCH) shall apply for a license using a form provided by the Division. Only one licensed family child care home shall operate at the location address of any home. The form can be found on the Division's website at https://ncchildcare.nc.gov/PDF_forms/Family_Child_Care_Home_Application_Packet.pdf. The application for a family child care home license shall include the following information:

- (1) owner name;
- (2) facility name, address, phone number, email address, and location address;
- (3) facility contact information;
- (4) requested age range of children in the child care center;
- (5) hours of operation;
- (6) type of care to be provided;
- (7) type of building;
- (8) type of family child care home;
- (9) proposed opening date;
- (10) proposed number of children to be served;
- (11) type of business operation;
- (12) history of operation or licensing of child care facilities; and
- (13) signature of applicant of either:
 - (A) the individual who will be responsible for the operation of the family child care home and for assuring compliance with G.S. 110, Article 7 and this Chapter; or
 - (B) an officer of an entity who will be responsible for the operation of the family child care home and for ensuring compliance with G.S. 110, Article 7 and this Chapter.

Upon receipt of the application, the Division shall assess the information provided to determine if the prospective licensee may be denied a license for one or more of the reasons set forth in 10A NCAC 09 .2215.

(b) The applicant for a family child care home license shall also submit supporting documentation with the application for a license to the Division. The supporting documentation shall include:

- (1) a copy of a non-expired qualification letter in accordance with 10A NCAC 09 .2702;
- (2) a copy of documentation of completion of a First Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course within 12 months prior to applying for a license;
- (3) a copy of documentation of completion of ITS-SIDS training within 12 months prior to applying for a license, if requesting a license to care for infants ages 12 months and younger;
- (4) proof of negative results of the applicant's tuberculosis test or screening completed within the past 12 months;
- (5) a completed health questionnaire; a copy of the health questions can be found on the Division's website, http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/pdf_forms/emergency_information_health_questionnaire_i.pdf and includes a statement signed by the staff member that indicates that the person is emotionally and physically fit to care for children;
- (6) a copy of non-expired pet vaccinations for any pet in the home;
- (7) if a home has a private well, a negative well water bacteriological analysis;
- (8) copies of any inspections required by local ordinances; and
- (9) any other documentation required by the Division according to the rules in this Section to support the issuance of a license.

(c) Upon receipt of a complete application for a family child care home and supporting documentation, a Division representative shall make an announced visit to each home. An announced visit shall not be required by a Division representative if the applicant is subject to the circumstances in 10A NCAC 09 .2214. The issuance of a license applies as follows:

- (1) if all applicable requirements of G.S. 110, Article 7 and this Section are met, a six month temporary license shall be issued;
- (2) a one- star rated license shall be issued to a family child care home operator who complies with the minimum standards for a license contained in this Section and G.S. 110-91 at the end of the six month temporary time period;
- (3) a two- through five- star rated license shall be issued to a family child care home operator who complies with minimum and voluntary standards for a license contained in this Section, Section .2800 of this Chapter and G.S. 110-91, at the end of the six month temporary time period;

- (4) if the applicable requirements of G.S. 110, Article 7 and this Section are not met, the Division representative shall establish with the applicant a time period for the home to achieve compliance. If the Division representative determines that all applicable requirements of G.S. 110, Article 7 and this Section are met within the established time period, a license shall be issued; or
 - (5) The temporary license shall remain in effect for six months or until the issuance of a star-rated license, a special provisional license, provisional license, summary suspension, suspension, probationary license, or a denial of a rated license to the operator.
- (d) A family child care home operator shall notify the Division no later than 30 calendar days prior to relocation of a family child care home. The operator must apply for a license for the new physical location as described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule. An operator requesting relocation of the family child care home shall not operate until he or she has received a license from the Division for the new location.
- (e) When a family child care home operator wants to change ownership of the program, the prospective new operator shall apply for a new license in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule, at least 30 days before the change occurs. The family child care home license shall not be bought, sold, or transferred from one individual to another.
- (f) The family child care home license shall be valid only for the location address listed on it.
- (g) The family child care home license shall be returned to the Division in the event of termination, revocation, suspension, or summary suspension.
- (h) A family child care home licensee shall notify the Division in writing if a change occurs that affects the information shown on the license. The Division shall issue a new license upon verification of the operator's compliance with all applicable requirements in this Section for the change. This includes the following:
- (1) decreasing the capacity of the family child care home;
 - (2) increasing the capacity of the family child care home;
 - (3) changes to shifts of care;
 - (4) requests to change the age range of the family child care home;
 - (5) requests to remove a restriction from the license, including documentation of steps taken by the operator to comply with requirements which resulted in the licensure restriction; and
 - (6) changes to the operator's legal name.
- (i) The family child care home license shall be posted in a place in the home that parents are able to view daily.

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