# Comparison of Requirements for Licensed Family and Residential Certificate

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| **Ratios**                   | • All children under age 4 count in ratios including the provider and employee’s own children  
• 1 caregiver for up to 8 children, including no more than 3 children under age 2, when at least one of the toddlers is at least 18 months old; OR  
• 2 caregivers for 9-16 children including no more than 6 children under age 2, when at least two of the toddlers are at least 18 months old. | • All children under age 4 count in ratios including provider’s own children  
• 1 caregiver for up to 8 children including no more than 2 children under age 2. |
| **Records & Documents**      | • Fire & disaster drills must be documented in writing.  
• Daily schedule of activities must be posted. | • It is not required to document fire & disaster drills.  
• A posted daily schedule is not required. |
| **Training**                 | • 20 hours of training are required annually for the provider & each caregiver.  
• 10 of the 20 hours must be interactive training. | • 10 hours of training are required annually for the provider.  
• 5 of the 10 hours must be interactive training. |
| **Outdoor Play Area**        | • Must have an outdoor play area that is safely accessible & meets licensing rules.  
• Children must have a daily opportunity for outdoor play, weather permitting. | • Children may not play outside on premises unless the outdoor play area meets licensing rules.  
• A daily opportunity for outdoor play is encouraged, but not required. |
| **From the Department of Workforce Services** | • State-funded child care reimbursements are paid at a higher rate.  
• Eligible for a $400 start up grant from CAC | • State-funded child care reimbursements are paid at a lower rate.  
• Not eligible for a start up grant from CAC |

Home License Type Comparison Chart  
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