

TABLE 4.3 ALBERTA EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Kindergarten ^a	<p>All ECS teachers must have a valid certificate^b from the Minister of Education, obtained through the Office of the Registrar. To obtain a Permanent Professional Certificate, teachers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a Bachelor of Education, including a minimum of 10 weeks of supervised student teaching• Complete two years of successful teaching• Receive two formal evaluations based on the knowledge, skills, and attributes for permanent certification outlined in the Teaching Quality Standard• Receive a recommendation to the Registrar for permanent certification from a Designated Signing Authority
Early Childhood Educators ^c	<p>Level 1 Early Childhood Educator – completion of the Child Care Orientation Course (Alberta government sponsored course) or a 45-hour (three credit) post-secondary course related to child development) or completed the Step Ahead Family Day Home Training or Family Child Care Training Program through an approved Alberta Family Day Home Agency registered with the Alberta Family Child Care association</p> <p>Level 2 Early Childhood Educator – completion of a one-year Early Learning and Child Care certificate program offered by an Alberta public college or university, or an equivalent level of training</p> <p>Level 3 Early Childhood Educator – completion of a two-year early learning and child care diploma program offered by an Alberta public college or an equivalent level of training^d</p>

a Government of Alberta. *Teacher Certification*. Retrieved from: <https://www.alberta.ca/teacher-certification.aspx>

b An online optional Early Childhood Education Certificate is offer by faculties of education to professionals who already have a degree in a variety of related fields.

c Government of Alberta. *Child Care Staff Certification*. Retrieved from: <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-staff-certification.aspx>

d Government of Alberta. Children’s Services. *Child Care Staff Certification Guide*. Retrieved from: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/5837df5e-0abd-4a77-ae21-466b38a786ec/resource/f7dbcda2-0755-4aa1-bbf0-13fabbfd4d51/download/child-care-staff-certification-guide-2018.pdf>