

TABLE 4.4 BRITISH COLUMBIA PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND DEVELOPMENT

	Teachers ^a	ECEs ^b
Professional Recognition	<p>The Teacher Certification Branch of the Ministry of Education assesses applicants for certification, evaluates teacher education programs, issues teaching certificates, and enforces standards for certificate holders. A minimum of a B.C. Professional Certificate of Qualification is required to teach in public schools.</p> <p>Certification requirements for independent school teachers are set by the Independent School Teaching Certificates Standards Committee under the <i>Independent School Act</i> and administered by the Teacher Certification Branch.</p>	<p>The Early Childhood Educator Registry is responsible for the certification of ECEs, infant toddler educators, special needs educators, and ECE Assistants. The Registry is also responsible for investigating and making decisions about inappropriate standards of practice concerns.</p>
Professional Development	<p>Ongoing professional development is expected as a standard of practice.³⁰</p>	<p>40 hours over five years</p>

a British Columbia Teachers' Federation. Teacher certification and salaries in British Columbia. Retrieved from: <https://bctf.ca/OpportunitiesForMembers.aspx?id=16124>

b Government of British Columbia. Renew & Maintain Early Childhood Educator Certification. Retrieved from: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/training-and-professional-development/become-an-early-childhood-educator/renew-maintain-ecce-certification>

