

TABLE 4.3 NOVA SCOTIA EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Grade Primary (Kindergarten) Teachers <sup>a</sup>	Four levels of classifications are available, with a minimum of 3 years of approved undergraduate studies plus a minimum of two years of an approved program of professional studies and receipt of an approved bachelor's degree from a recognized university.
Early Childhood Educators in Pre-Primary Program <sup>b</sup>	Completion of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education (Lead ECE) or approved college program in early childhood education is required. Additional support staff may have a combination of course work and experience.
Early Childhood Educators in Licensed Child Care <sup>c</sup>	<p><b>Entry Level</b> – completion of the Orientation for Staff Working in Licensed Child Care Facilities<sup>c</sup></p> <p><b>Level 1 Classification</b> – completion of orientation for child care staff and Level 1 course work and guided workplace experience</p> <p><b>Level 2 Classification</b> – completion of an approved college program in early childhood education</p> <p><b>Level 3 Classification</b> – completion of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or completion of Level 2 requirements and a bachelor's degree</p> <p><b>School Age Approval</b> – completion of orientation training and a bachelor's degree that qualifies a person to plan and deliver developmentally appropriate programming for school-age children</p>

a Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Office of Teacher Certification. Retrieved from: <https://certification.ednet.ns.ca/initial-teacher-certification>

b Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Classification for Child Care Staff. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/pd/ClassificationforStaff.shtml>

c Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Orientation for Staff Working in Licensed Child Care Facilities*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/pd/OrientationforStaff.shtml>