

TABLE 4.3 ALBERTA EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Kindergarten/Early Childhood Services^a

All ECS teachers must have a valid certificate from the Minister of Education, obtained through the Office of the Registrar. To obtain a Permanent Professional Certificate, teachers must:

- 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^b

Staff working in licensed child care programs must be certified by the Alberta Child Care Staff Certification Office within six months of being hired.

The three levels of ECE certification are:

- **Level 1 Early Childhood Educator:** A minimum of one post-secondary three-credit course in early learning and child care (ELCC) or equivalent
- **Level 2 Early Childhood Educator:** A minimum of a one-year ELCC certificate or equivalent
- **Level 3 Early Childhood Educator:** A minimum of a two-year ELCC diploma or equivalent

^a. Government of Alberta. *Teacher Certification*. Retrieved from: <https://www.alberta.ca/teacher-certification.aspx>. All teachers in accredited independent schools offering ECS programming must hold a valid Alberta teaching authority issued by Teacher Certification. AISCA. *Teacher Certification Handbook 2022–2023*. Retrieved from: <https://www.aisca.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/AISCA-Teacher-Certification-Handbook-2022-2023.pdf>

^b. Government of Alberta. *Certification Guide for Early Childhood Educators*. Retrieved from: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/ed0e3162-0431-441d-a16c-61090c65adb0/resource/64f479d3-50f2-4886-a5bc-13d6ab7c0156/download/cs-certification-guide-for-early-childhood-educators-2022-10.pdf>. Staff who have not yet received certification cannot be left alone to supervise children.

