

**TABLE 4.2 BRITISH COLUMBIA GROUP SIZE, STAFF/CHILD RATIO AND EDUCATOR QUALIFICATIONS IN REGULATED CHILD CARE CENTRES**

Program	Maximum group size	Children per group	Ratio of staff to children each group
Group Child Care (0 to <36 months)	12, with a separate area designated for each group	≤4	1 Infant Toddler Educator (ITE)
		5–8	1 ITE and 1 Early Childhood Educator (ECE)
		9–12	1 ITE, 1 other ECE educator and 1 ECE Assistant
Group Child Care (30 months to school age)	25, with not more than 2 children younger than 36 months old in a single group	≤8	1 ECE
		9–6	1 ECE and 1 ECE Assistant
		17–25	1 ECE and 2 ECE Assistants
Preschool (30 months to school age)	20	≤10	1 ECE
		11–20	1 ECE and 1 ECE Assistant
Group Child Care (school age) if any preschool child or child in Grade 1 is present	24	≤12	1 Responsible Adult
		13–24	2 Responsible Adults
Group Child Care (school age) if no preschool child or child in Grade 1 is present	30	≤15	1 Responsible Adult
		16–30	2 Responsible Adults
Family Child Care, if any child younger than 12 months is present	7, having no more than 3 children younger than 48 months; of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months	≤7	The licensee (minimally a Responsible Adult)
Family Child Care, if no child younger than 12 months is present	7, having no more than 4 children younger than 48 months; of those 4, no more than 2 children younger than 24 months	≤7	The licensee (minimally a Responsible Adult)
Occasional Child Care, if any child present is younger than 36 months	16	≤4	1 Responsible Adult
		5–8	2 Responsible Adults
		9–12	3 Responsible Adults
		13–16	4 Responsible Adults
Occasional Child Care, if no child present is younger than 36 months	20	≤8	1 Responsible Adult
		9–16	2 Responsible Adults
		17–20	3 Responsible Adults
Multi-Age Child Care, if any child younger than 12 months is present	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months; of those 3, no more than 1 child younger than 12 months	≤8	1 ECE
Multi-Age Child Care, if no child younger than 12 months is present	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months	≤8	1 ECE
In-Home Multi-Age Child Care, if any child younger than 12 months is present	8, having no more than 3 children under 36 months; of those 3, no more than 1 child younger than 12 months old	≤8	The licensee, who must be certified as an ECE
In-Home Multi-Age Child Care, if no child younger than 12 months is present	8, having no more than 3 children younger than 36 months	≤8	The licensee, who must be certified as an ECE
Child-minding	24, with each child younger than 12 months counted as 2.5 children, each child younger than 36 months but 12 months or older counted as 2 children, and each child 36 months or older counted as 1 child	≤8	1 Responsible Adult
		9–17	2 Responsible Adults
		18–24	3 Responsible Adults

Source: *Community Care and Assisted Living Act: Child Care Licensing Regulation*. Retrieved from: [http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/332\\_2007#division\\_d2e3027](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/332_2007#division_d2e3027). Responsible adults must be 19 years of age or older and able to provide care and mature guidance to children. Must also have 20 hours of child care-related training, relevant work experience, a valid first aid certificate and a clear criminal record check.