

TABLE 4.4 BRITISH COLUMBIA PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND DEVELOPMENT

	Teachers ^a	ECEs ^c
Professional Recognition	<p>The Teacher Certification Branch of the Ministry of Education and Child Care assesses applicants for certification, evaluates teacher education programs, issues teaching certificates, and enforces standards for certificate holders. 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 (ECE) Registry is mandated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certify ECEs (including Infant Toddler Educators and Special Needs Educators) and ECE Assistants; • Investigate complaints regarding the competence and conduct of ECEs and ECE Assistants; and • Assess and recommend recognition of post-secondary ECE programs in B.C.
Professional Development	<p>Ongoing professional development is expected as a standard of practice.^b</p>	<p>ECEs are required to complete 40 hours of professional development over the course of each five-year certificate term; ECE Assistants are required to complete one additional course of a recognized post-secondary ECE program.^d</p>

^a. British Columbia. *Teacher certification*. Retrieved from: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/teacher-certification>

^b. British Columbia. *Standards for B.C Educators*. Retrieved from <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/teach/standards-for-educators>

^c. British Columbia. *Become an Early Childhood Educator (ECE)*. Retrieved from: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/training-and-professional-development/become-an-early-childhood-educator>

^d. Early Childhood Educators of BC. *BC Early Years Professional Development Hub*. <https://www.ecebc.ca/professional-development/bc-early-years-professional-development-hub#:~:text=In%20British%20Columbia%2C%20certified%20Early,the%20hours%20of%20course%20completion>

