

Frequently Asked Questions:

Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Lookup Tool

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What is the ECE Lookup tool?

The ECE Lookup tool provides publicly available and searchable information about ECEs certified in Alberta since 1991.

The ECE Lookup tool provides an ECE's name, certificate number, certification level and date, status and history, as well as any current terms or conditions placed upon their certification.

Why is this change happening?

This tool increases oversight and transparency in the early learning and child care (ELCC) sector in Alberta, enhancing families', employers' and the general public's confidence that the system protects the health and safety of children.

The authorization to publish this information can be found in Section 14.2 of the ELCC Regulation, which states the Alberta government may publish information about individuals who hold ECE certification.

When is this change happening?

The new ELCC Act and Regulation comes into force on April 30, 2025. The ECE Lookup tool goes live to the public at that time.

How do I find the ECE Lookup tool?

The ECE Lookup tool is available on the Alberta government's child care website. Please visit:

<http://childcare.alberta.ca/ece-lookup>

What do I need to do as an ECE to be included in the Lookup tool?

If you are a certified ECE in Alberta, you do not need to take any action. All certified ECEs will be searchable in the Lookup tool.

What information about me is publicly available online?

Only your name and certification information (certificate number, certification level, date of certification, status and history) is made public.

Personal information about you, such as your date of birth, home or work address, employer or contact information, is not available on the ECE Lookup tool.

Under certification history, why do some ECEs have multiple certification levels displaying?

The history of each ECE displays the certification date and level awarded by the Alberta Child Care Staff Certification Office. These levels were awarded to ECEs that provided educational

credentials that met the requirements in the [Certification Guide for Early Childhood Educators](#).

Why do some ECEs have a Level 1 listed and then a Level 3, with no Level 2 displayed?

Certification levels are based on educational credentials and achieving Level 2 is not a prerequisite for Level 3. For example, an ECE may complete a 45-hour, 3-credit post-secondary course in ELCC and apply for Level 1 certification and then complete further post-secondary studies in an ELCC diploma program to obtain Level 3.

Where can I get more information about each level of certification?

To learn more about the certification requirements, please review the [Certification Guide for Early Childhood Educators](#).

Does this affect my job as an ECE?

Eligibility for employment, volunteering or practicum in the ELCC sector remains the same as before the ECE Lookup tool was introduced.

Who do I contact if I believe information on the ECE Lookup tool is incorrect?

To update your certification information, including your name which is displayed on the ECE Lookup tool, please contact the Alberta Child Care Staff Certification Office at ECE.StaffCertification@gov.ab.ca or 1-800-661-9754.