

WAC 170-296A-1725 Licensee minimum education. (1) For any initial family home child care license issued on or after March 31, 2012, the applicant must have a high school diploma.

(2) If the applicant does not have a high school diploma, he or she must submit written evidence of equivalent education. As used in this section, "equivalent education" means:

(a) Passing the general educational development (GED) tests;

(b) Completion of twelve years of elementary and secondary education;

(c) Possessing a current child development associate (CDA) credential as approved through the council for professional recognition; (~~or~~)

(d) Completion of forty-five credits of post secondary education; or

(e) Completion of the department approved early childhood education initial certificate.

(3) In addition to equivalent education defined within this section, a family home child care licensee licensed prior to March 31, 2012, and continuously maintaining the license may meet the "equivalent education" requirement by achieving a level three rating in the early achievers program, Washington state's quality rating improvement system, prior to March 31, 2017.