



## Frequently Asked Questions Childcare Licensing Transition to State

Who is responsible for issuing childcare licenses as of July 1, 2025?

- Department of Health and Welfare in coordination with IdahoSTARS.  
[www.idahostars.org/child-care-providers/child-care-licensing](http://www.idahostars.org/child-care-providers/child-care-licensing)

What should I do if I already have a current city license?

- Your city license will be honored by the state until it expires December 1, 2025; however, the state has requested all licensees provide a copy of their city license through the IdahoSTARS RISE system (link provided below) before July 1, 2025.
- To apply for a state license via the IdahoSTARS website **before July 1, 2025**. [www.idahostars.org/child-care-providers/child-care-licensing](http://www.idahostars.org/child-care-providers/child-care-licensing)

What should I do if I need to hire providers before July 1, 2025?

- You will continue to work with the City until July 1, 2025, knowing that your license will be accepted by the state until its city expiration date.

Will I still need to contact the City if I open a new childcare center, relocate, or renovate my current facility?

- Yes, the City will continue to oversee zoning, land uses, building and fire safety regulations. The state will require a sign off for local regulations (such as Building, Fire, and Planning and Zoning codes) prior to the issuance of your state license.

Where will I go to request a fire inspection?

- HB243a allows for inspection by a state Fire Marshal or local Fire Department. Our Fire Department can be reached at 208-769-2245 to schedule an inspection. There may be an inspection fee associated with this inspection as there is no city license connected to the service.

If I run a childcare business from my home, do I need to apply for a home occupation license with the city?

- Yes. You can apply online at [www.cdaid.org/licensing](http://www.cdaid.org/licensing) or contact 208.769.2229.

What do I do if I have concerns about the new laws?

- Contact your local legislator to share your concerns.
- <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2025/legislation/h0243>

## Contact Information

For additional questions, you can contact:

- **211** (General Resource Assistance)
- **Email:** [customersupport@idahoaeys.org](mailto:customersupport@idahoaeys.org)
- **Department of Health and Welfare:** [childcare@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:childcare@dhw.idaho.gov)