

CITY OF TSHWANE HEALTH BY- LAW FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES



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1. Definitions

- **Child care service** – for profit or otherwise, temporary or partial care of children under 18 years of age apart from their parents, but doesn't include school, boarding school, hostel or establishment used for training or tuition registered or approved by the state.
Note: The same principles apply to include independent schools, private boarding schools, hostels or establishments used for training or tuition.
- **Certificate of acceptability** – means a certificate issued by the municipality under regulations R638.
- **Health certificate** – means a certificate issued this by-law for child care services.
- **Environmental health practitioner** – health practitioner appointed by the municipality.

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- **Play area** – separate area identified for children playing purposes.
- **Premises** – land or building in or on which child care is operated
- **Person in charge** – owner, principal or any person in charge of a child care service (which includes a private school, college, hostel or boarding establishment catering for children under 18 years of age).

2. Health certificate

- Issued under proper zoning rights.
- No certificate – no permission to operate!!!!!!!
- Number of children / Age groups / Minimum & Maximum ages / Operating hours – must be displayed on the certificate.
- Certificate must be displayed at all times.
- Certificate not transferable:
(When owner dies / upon relocation / from one person to another)
- When meals are served – a certificate of acceptability must be issued!!!!!!
- Certificate valid only for two years – reapplication upon expiry!
- Certificate can be withdrawn by the municipality.

3. Premises requirements:

- Indoor area – 1,5 square meter for both under school-going and the school going age.
- Outdoor area - 2 square meter per child (under school-going age)
- 3 square meter per child (school-going age)
- Outdoors free from excavations, sharp objects or uneven levels.
- Divisions or partition must be used to separate under 3yrs and above 3yrs.

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- Toilets requirements:

- ❖ Approved, separate, screened and roofed structure
- ❖ Where no sewer available system – provide improvised toilet on the premises or adjacent to it.
- ❖ 1x bucket for every 8 children (no sewer system)
- ❖ 1 x toilet for every 20 (where there is sewer system)
- ❖ 1x washbasin for every 20 children (where there is sewer system)
- ❖ 1x suitable container for every 20 children (no sewer system)
- ❖ Provide water, soap, toilet tissue.
- ❖ Provide separate wash facilities for boys and girls.
- Provide approved nappy-changing area for children under 3 years or those still in nappies – container for storage of soiled and clean nappies.
- Laundry, where necessary area must be separate on the premises.

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- Requirements for the kitchen:

- ❖ Must be provided for separately.
- ❖ Children must not have access to the kitchen.
- ❖ Must be clean at all times.
- ❖ Certificate of acceptability must be displayed at all times.

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- Sitting, resting and playing equipment:
 - ❖ Provide suitable sitting/chairs for children.
 - ❖ Provide suitable and safe tables of the correct size for children.
 - ❖ Use approved or suitable sleeping/resting mat.
 - ❖ Clean blankets for each child.
 - ❖ Suitable and safe indoor and outdoor play equipment.

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- Enclosure for premises:
 - ❖ Use appropriate and approved means of enclosure.
 - ❖ Prevent children from leaving premises on their own accord.
 - ❖ Prevent entrance of domestic animals onto the premises
 - ❖ Prevent unauthorised entry or access onto the premises

4. Facilities for staff:

- ❖ Provide separate toilet facilities.
- ❖ Have separate hand wash facilities.
- ❖ Completely separated from the facilities used by children.
- ❖ Bathroom facilities of staff must be accessible from their living quarters.

5. Medical care:

- ❖ Provide sickbay for sick children
- ❖ Provide full lockable first aid kit
- ❖ Provide a bed or mattress
- ❖ Use approved handwashing methods
- ❖ Ensure all children under school going age are immunised
- ❖ Notify authorities of any notifiable medical condition

6. General safety measures:

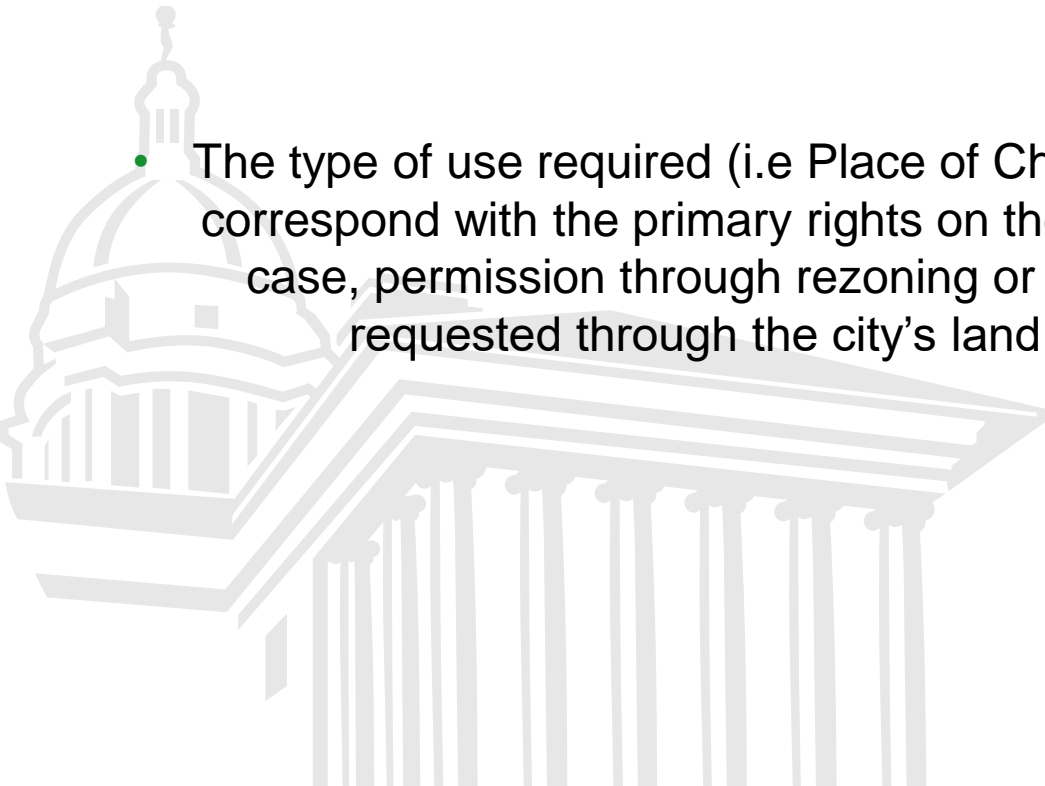
- ❖ Protect children against fire, electrical fittings, hot water and other dangerous objects.
- ❖ All medicines, pesticides, detergents must not be accessible to children.
- ❖ No swimming pool is allowed in a child care service premises.
- ❖ No noxious or poisonous plant or shrub is permitted on the premises.

COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

- Screening tool
- Attendance register
- Sanitizers
- Wearing of masks (To cover both the nose and mouth)
- Social Distancing
- Have an isolation room
- Washing of hands with running water and soap.
- Using a disposal towel

ZONING CERTIFICATE

- The type of use required (i.e Place of Childcare/Education/ Institution) must correspond with the primary rights on the certificate. Should this not be the case, permission through rezoning or consent use application must be requested through the city's land use applications processes



THE END....THANK YOU!!!!

