

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions HOME CHILD CARE, MAJOR

Types of Child Care in Abbotsford

ZONE	USE	STRUCTURE TYPE	CHILDREN
Residential	Home Child Care, Minor	Single Detached Dwelling	8 or less
	Home Child Care, Major	Single Detached Dwelling	16 or less
		Amenity room/building in an Apartment or Townhouse complex	25 or less
	Child Care Centre <small>Corner Store Policy</small>	Single Detached Dwelling or Duplex	Site specific
Commercial	Child Care Centre	Commercial, Institutional or mixed use Building	Site specific

Q: What is Home Child Care, Major?

A: Home Child Care, Major is a use outlined in the Zoning Bylaw that permits the day care of children in a Single Detached Dwelling or an amenity building/room associated with a Townhouse complex or Apartment building. It is defined as a use that is Accessory to a Single Detached Dwelling, Apartment, or Townhouse for the care of more than eight children, licenced under the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*.

Q: Where is Home Child Care, Major permitted?

A: Home Child Care, Major is permitted by the City in two different forms. It is permitted in a Single Detached Dwelling **or** in an amenity building/room associated with a Townhouse complex or Apartment Building.

In a Single Detached Dwelling

Home Child Care, Major is permitted in all zones that a Single Detached Dwelling is permitted, except on a Lot where Agriculture Use is permitted or on a Lot in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

In an Apartment or Townhouse

Home Child Care, Major is permitted in all zones that an Apartment or Townhouse is permitted.

Q: What are the regulations associated with Home Child Care, Major?

A: The regulations associated with the Home Child Care, Major use depend on whether it is located in a Single Detached Dwelling or an Apartment or Townhouse.

In a Single Detached Dwelling

- The maximum number of children permitted is 16
- It must be operated by the person who lives in the Single Detached Dwelling and considers it as their principal place of residence
- It is not permitted on a Lot on a cul-de-sac or if any of the following uses already occur on the Lot: Boarding, Boarding House, Coach House, Garden Suite, Home Occupation (Level 2 and greater), Secondary Suite, Residential Care or Supported Housing
- One additional off-street parking space is required, plus two spaces for drop-off/pick-up



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In an Apartment or Townhouse

- The maximum number of children permitted is 25
- Home Child Care, Major is limited to one use per Lot
- Home Child Care, Major is not permitted in a Dwelling Unit. This means that the Home Child Care, Major use must occur in a separate building/room, specifically designed for the day care of children
- One additional off-street parking space, plus two spaces for drop-off/pick-up must be provided



Q: For existing Single Detached Dwellings, are there any upgrades required in accordance with the BC Building Code?

A: In most cases, yes. There will likely be significant upgrades required for existing Single Detached Dwellings in accordance with the current edition of the BC Building Code. In some cases, existing conditions may limit the ability to convert a Single Detached Dwelling to meet the requirements of the BC Building Code. The specific upgrades would be determined through a building permit application.

Existing buildings will most likely require:

- Additional exits
- Additional drywall throughout
- New fire separations
- Building Code analysis from a registered Architect

Existing buildings may also require:

- Increased structural loading
- Fire sprinkler systems
- Fire alarms systems
- To be constructed of non-combustible materials (i.e. concrete)

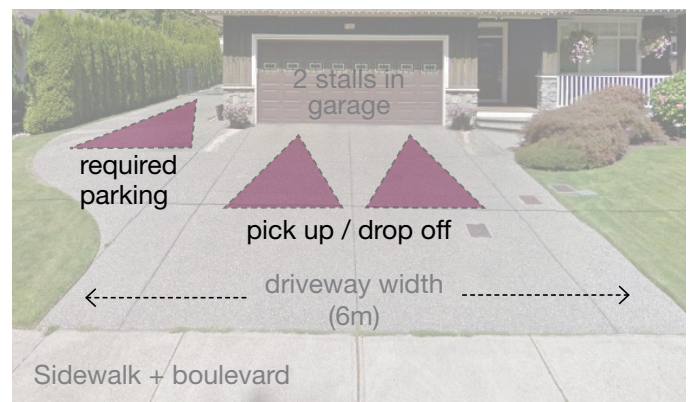
It should also be noted that new Single Detached Dwellings must meet the requirements of the BC Building Code.

Q: What are the parking requirements for Home Child Care, Major?

A: For a Home Child Care, Major use, one additional off-street parking space is required, plus two spaces for drop-off/pick-up.

The required parking space must be provided on the Lot and **may not** be located in tandem with any other required parking spaces.

The adjacent graphic portrays how the off-street parking requirements may be met for a Single Detached Dwelling with a Home Child Care, Major use.



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Q: I would like to pursue the Home Child Care, Major use. Where do I start?

A: If you would like to pursue the Home Child Care, Major use, you will need to:

Ensure zoning compliance.

The first step is to make sure that you comply with the requirements of the City of Abbotsford [Zoning Bylaw](#). If you are unsure if you meet the zoning requirements, email planning-info@abbotsford.ca

Contact Fraser Health & Apply for a Licence.

To ensure you are meeting the requirements of the Fraser Health Authority, you must contact them and apply for a licence under the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*.

Apply for a Building Permit.

Building upgrades will likely be required and a building permit application must be submitted with the City of Abbotsford Building Permits & Licences Department.

Apply for a Business Licence.

You can apply for a business licence online at www.abbotsford.ca under "My City Online", or in person at City Hall.

Any upgrades required to meet the BC Building Code or Fire Code will be identified by the Building Department/ Fire Department through the business licence or building permit application process.

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