

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions HOME CHILD CARE, MINOR

### 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, Minor?

A: Home Child Care, Minor is a use outlined in the City of Abbotsford Zoning Bylaw that permits the day care of children in a Single Detached Dwelling. Home Child Care, Minor is defined as a use that is Accessory to a Single Detached Dwelling for the care of not more than eight children, licenced under the *Community Care and Assisted living Act*.

### Q: Where is Home Child Care, Minor permitted?

A: Home Child Care, Minor is permitted in all zones that a Single Detached Dwelling is permitted.

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

A: Home Child Care, Minor must occur in a Single Detached Dwelling and:

- The maximum number of children permitted is 8
- Must be operated by the person who lives in the Single Detached Dwelling and considers it as their principal place of residence
- One additional off-street parking space is required
- Is not permitted if any of the following uses already occur on the Lot: Boarding, Boarding House, Home Occupation (Level 2 and greater), Secondary Suite, Residential Care or Supported Housing.



### Q: Can I have more than eight children in my home?

A: Under the Home Child Care, Minor use, the maximum number of children in care permitted is eight. Please see the Home Child Care, Major FAQ for information on the day care of more than eight children.

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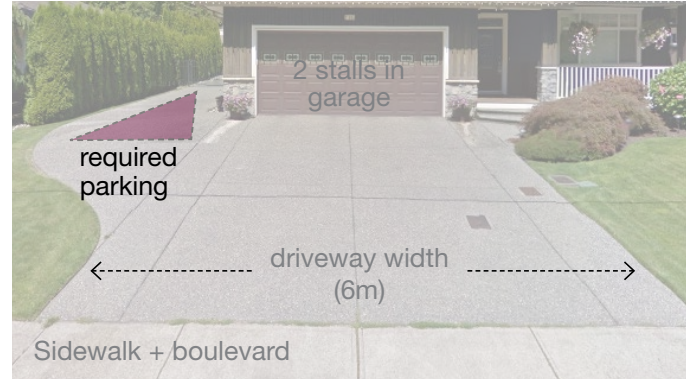
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### Q: What are the parking requirements?

A: For a Home Child Care, Minor use one additional off-street parking space is required.

The parking space must be provided on the Lot and **may not** be located in tandem with the parking spaces required for the Single Detached Dwelling.



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

A: If you would like to pursue the Home Child Care, Minor 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](mailto: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.**

A building permit is only required if modifications are proposed to the Single Detached Dwelling or if upgrades are required to meet the BC Building Code.

**Apply for a Business Licence.**

You can apply for a business licence online at [www.abbotsford.ca](http://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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