

ECEA Certification across Canada

LM:CE- Labour Mobility: Certification Equivalencies from Province to Province

***Quebec does not have a centralized regulatory body for early childhood educators. Instead, certification and hiring decisions are typically made by individual childcare service providers. It's best to refer them to apply to a school in Quebec.

1. Alberta – Level 1 Certification (via BC ECEA)

Step 1: Review Guide

Read the [Child Care Staff Certification Guide](#), especially page 7 on labour mobility.

Step 2: Prepare Documents

- BC ECEA certificate
- Official transcripts or training certificates
- Work or study permit (if applicable)
- Proof of name change (if needed)

Step 3: Apply Online

Go to applychildcarecertification.alberta.ca, create an account, complete the application, and upload all documents.

Step 4: Wait for Processing

Processing takes about 4–6 weeks. Incomplete applications may be delayed.

2. Saskatchewan – Out-of-Province Certification

Equivalent: BC ECEA is recognized in Saskatchewan.

Steps:

1. Download Application Form:

- **Access the "Application for Certification – Out of Province" form:**
[Download Form \(PDF\)](#)

2. Prepare Documents:

- **Clear copy of government-issued photo ID**
- **Official transcripts sent directly from your educational institution**
- **Copy of your BC ECEA certificate**

3. Submit Application:

- **Mail the completed form and documents to the address specified on the form.**

4. Processing Time: Approximately 4–6 weeks.

Contact: ec certification@gov.sk.ca | 306-787-7467

3. Manitoba – Out-of-Province Recognition

Equivalent: BC ECEA is recognized in Manitoba.

Steps:

1. Request Application Form:

- **Contact Manitoba Child Care Services:**
 - **Email:** cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca
 - **Phone:** 204-945-0776 or Toll-Free: 1-888-213-4754

2. Prepare Documents:

- **Completed application form (provided upon request)**
- **Two pieces of government-issued identification**
- **Official transcripts sent directly from your educational institution**
- **Copy of your BC ECEA certificate**

3. Submit Application:

- **Mail all documents to: Early Learning and Child Care Program
210-114 Garry Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4V4**

4. Processing Time: Approximately 4 weeks to 6 months.

Additional Information: [Manitoba Child Care Classification](#)

4. Nova Scotia – Level 1 Classification

Equivalent: BC ECEA is recognized as Level 1 in Nova Scotia.

Steps:

1. Download Application Form:

- Access the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Classification Application: [Download Form \(PDF\)](#)

2. Prepare Documents:

- Official transcripts sent directly from your educational institution or included in a sealed envelope
- Copy of your BC ECEA certificate
- Course descriptions (if applicable)
- Orientation certificate for staff working in licensed child care facilities (if applying for school-age approval)

3. Submit Application:

- Mail all documents to: Child Care Staff Classification Services
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
PO Box 578
2021 Brunswick Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

Contact: classification@novascotia.ca | 902-424-3431

5. Prince Edward Island (PEI) – Early Childhood Intern

Equivalent: BC ECEA is recognized as Early Childhood Intern in PEI.

Steps:

1. Download Application Form:

- Access the "Application for Classification as a Child Care Worker under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)": [Download Form \(PDF\)](#)

2. Prepare Documents:

- Proof of PEI residency (to obtain full certification; otherwise, a letter of standing is provided)
- Copy of your BC ECEA certificate
- Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Search conducted within the last six months
- Official transcripts sent directly from your educational institution
- Proof of identity
- Proof of eligibility to work in Canada

3. Submit Application:

- Mail or deliver the completed form and documents to: Early Learning and Child Care Board
3 Brighton Road
Charlottetown, PE C1A 8T6

Additional Information: [Apply for Early Childhood Certification](#)

6. Newfoundland and Labrador – ECE Intern

Equivalent: BC ECEA is generally recognized as equivalent to an ECE Intern.

Steps:

1. Download the Initial Application Form:

- [Initial Application Form \(PDF\)](#)

2. Prepare Documents:

- Completed application form
- Copy of BC ECEA certificate
- Government-issued ID
- Official transcripts sent directly from the institution
- Any name change documentation (if needed)

3. Submit Your Application:

- Email: registrar@aecenl.ca (attach PDF scans; no JPGs)
- You may also mail, fax, or drop off your package

Tips:

- Ensure all attachments are in one email.
- Subject line: Your full name + "Initial Application"
- Keep a copy of your email for your records

More Info: [AECENL Certification](#)

7. Yukon – Level 1 Certification

Application Form:

- Download the application form for Early Childhood Educator certification in Yukon:
 - [Application for Early Childhood Educator Certificate \(PDF\)Government of the Northwest Territories](#)

Additional Resources:

- For detailed guidelines on certification:
 - [Early Childhood Educator Guide to CertificationYukon+1Yukon+1](#)

Submission Instructions:

- Email: earlylearning@yukon.ca
 - Mail: Early Learning and Child Care Branch (E-23) Department of Education Government of Yukon PO Box 2703 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6[Government of the Northwest Territories+4College of Early Childhood Educators+4College of Early Childhood Educators+4](#)
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8. Ontario – Assistant Level Recognition

Application Process:

- Ontario does not automatically recognize BC ECEA for full registration. However, you can apply for an individual assessment through the College of Early Childhood Educators (CECE).
 - [Understanding the Process for the Individual Assessment of Educational Qualifications](#)

Application Form:

- Download the application form for individual assessment:
 - [Application Form for the Individual Assessment of Educational Qualifications \(PDF\) College of Early Childhood Educators](#)

Contact Information:

- Email: registration@college-ece.ca
 - Phone: 1-888-961-8558
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9. Northwest Territories (NWT) – Assistant or Level 1 Equivalent

Application Form:

- Download the application form for Early Childhood Certification in NWT:
 - [Application for New Early Childhood Educator Qualification Assessment \(PDF\)](#)

Submission Instructions:

- Email: ecce_certification@gov.nt.ca
- Mail: Department of Education, Culture and Employment Early Childhood and School Services P.O. Box 1320 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9 [Government of the Northwest Territories+11College of Early Childhood Educators+11College of Early Childhood Educators+11](#)

10. Nunavut – Apply for Certification

Steps:

1. Contact the Early Learning and Child Care Division:

- Email: elcc@gov.nu.ca
- Phone: 867-975-5600

2. Ask for Out-of-Province Certification Application

3. Submit:

- BC ECEA certificate
- Transcripts sent directly from your college
- Proof of ID and residency

Note: Nunavut doesn't have a centralized online application form—applications are usually processed through direct contact.

11. New Brunswick – ECE Assistant or Entry-Level Certification

Equivalent: BC ECEA may be recognized as entry-level in New Brunswick.

Steps:

1. Download Application Form:

Access the "Out-of-Province Application for Certification" form from the Early Learning and Childcare Services website or request it via email.

2. Prepare Documents:

- **Completed application form**
- **Government-issued photo ID**
- **BC ECEA certificate**
- **Official transcripts (sent directly from your institution)**
- **Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check (within 6 months)**
- **Name change documentation (if applicable)**

3. Submit Application:

Mail or email documents to:

Early Learning and Childcare – Certification Unit

P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Email: elcc-certification@gnb.ca

4. Processing Time:

Approximately 4–6 weeks.

5. Contact:

Email: elcc-certification@gnb.ca | Phone: 1-833-221-9339
