

EDUCATION Quality Standard



EDUCATION documents the current qualifications of the owner/provider. Research shows that higher levels of education are linked to higher quality child care.

Information needed to complete this section: IdahoSTARS PDS Registry level or last completed level of education; training hours in **Component 6** or other training or credits in business in the last 5 years.

Terms:

- **PDS** : The Professional Development System of IdahoSTARS. PDS Registry levels are assigned according to education level, years of experience, and ongoing trainings and education. For more information on the PDS, dial 2-1-1 and ask to speak to your local Regional Consultant
- **HS**: High School diploma
- **GED**: General Education Development (equivalent to High School diploma)
- **CDA**: Child Development Associate certificate
- **Technical Certificate**: Certificate granted by a university or technical school, may or may not be related to early childhood education
- **AA**: Associate of Arts degree **AS**: Associates of Applied Science
- **BA**: Bachelor of Arts degree **BAS**: Bachelor of Applied Science
- **ECE**: Early Childhood Education
- **ECE credits**: Early Childhood Education semester credits from a college or university. (If quarter credits are earned, they are converted to semester credits by multiplying quarter credits by .67).
- **Training hours or college credits in business**: includes IdahoSTARS Component 6 and other trainings or credits in small business practices, contracts, recordkeeping, tax planning, legal and insurance issues, technology applications, accounting, marketing, money management, grant writing, managing employees,
- **Last completed level of education**: Last level of education for which you earned a diploma, certificate or degree
- **Owner**: In family and group child care, the owner and provider are usually one and the same. The term *owner* means the person who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the child care, including physical environment, curriculum planning and implementation, supervision/evaluation of each child, record keeping, and supervision of other staff and/or volunteers. The owner also oversees the business regulations, finances, and records.

Directions:

1. Identify the tier that corresponds with your Education and experience.
 - Begin by looking at each indicator in Tier 1. Ask yourself if each statement is true for the facility.
 - If the answer is 'yes', it is true at this time, check the box and gather the supporting materials to submit with the completed application. The materials you need are listed in red beneath the indicator.
 - If the answer is 'no', it is not true at this time, leave the box empty.
 - If all indicators in Tier 1 are NOT in place, check the **Not yet at Tier 1** box.
 - If all indicators are all checked in Tier 1, check the Tier 1 box; if all indicators in Tiers 1 & 2 are in place, check off the Tier 2 box, and so on.
2. Transfer the information to the **Education** Quality Standard section on the *Application for a Facility Profile*
3. Attach documentation.

Education Quality Indicators

* Numbers represent the career pathway level in the IdahoSTARS Professional Development System. Individuals not enrolled in the IdahoSTARS PDS Registry must submit a *QRIS Education Verification Form* and will be credited for only their last completed degree of education.

A copy of the IdahoSTARS Career Pathway is in the Worksheet Section of this workbook for reference to help you determine educational equivalent. For example, the educational equivalent of PDS Registry level 5.2 is AA in an unrelated field.

Not yet at Tier 1 ☐				
<p>☐ Tier 1</p> <p>☐ Owner at PDS Registry level * 1.1 – 2.4 OR 4.0-4.1 OR 5.0-5.1 OR educational equivalent</p> <p>☐ Owner is enrolled in CDA coursework OR has declared a major in ECE</p> <p>Submit college transcript or training transcript with CDA courses or ECE major highlighted</p>	<p>☐ Tier 2</p> <p>☐ Owner at PDS Registry level 3.0-3.6 OR 4.2 OR educational equivalent OR submits documentation of completed CDA coursework</p> <p>☐ Owner has additional 15 hours training or 1 college credit in business in the past 5 years</p> <p>Submit college transcript or training certificates</p> <p>☐ Owner has at least one year experience operating a child care facility Record on Facility Background Form Question #8</p>	<p>☐ Tier 3</p> <p>☐ Owner at PDS Registry level 4.3-4.6 OR 5.2 OR 6.0-6.1 OR educational equivalent</p> <p>☐ Owner has an additional 30 hours training or 2 college credits in business in the past 5 years</p> <p>☐ Owner has at least two years experience operating a child care Record on Facility Background Form Question #8</p>	<p>☐ Tier 4</p> <p>☐ Owner at PDS Registry level 5.3-5.5 OR 6.2 OR educational equivalent</p> <p>☐ Owner has additional 45 hours training or 3 college credits in business in the past 5 years</p> <p>☐ Owner has at least three years experience operating a child care facility Record on Facility Background Form Question #8</p>	<p>☐ Tier 5</p> <p>☐ Owner at PDS Registry level 6.3-8.0 OR educational equivalent</p> <p>☐ Owner has at least five years experience operating a child care facility Record on Facility Background Form Question #8</p>



WHAT TO SEND IN:

- The *Education Quality Standard* section of the *Application for a Facility Profile*
- *Diploma or transcript verifying credits or training toward completion of CDA or ECE related coursework*
- *College transcript or certificates, training transcripts, letters of completion, or receipt of payment verifying training or credits in business taken in the last 5 years*



Helpful hints for the EDUCATION standard:

- **PDS Registry levels** are determined by a combination of education, training, and job experience. For details of the definition for each PDS registry level, see the IdahoSTARS Career Pathway Sheet in the “other documents” section of this workbook. If you are not sure of your PDS Registry level, call your Regional Consultant at 2-1-1.
- **In order to reach Tier 1, the Owner/provider must be working towards a CDA or ECE related degree.** Many programs are available, some offered on-line. Scholarships are available for any owner participating in QRIS who has a high school education, a PDS pathway level of 1.2 – 2.4, a Technical Certificate, or an AA in an unrelated field. Your Regional Consultant can help you find a CDA or college program that best suits your needs.
- For more information on CDA courses of study and frequently asked questions, see the CDA information in the document section at the end of this workbook.
- **IdahoSTARS Training hours in business** include any IdahoSTARS Component 6 (Program Operation and Administration) completed in the last five years.
- **Non-IdahoSTARS approved training or college credits in business** includes trainings or credits in small business practices, contracts, recordkeeping, tax planning, legal and insurance issues, technology applications, accounting, marketing, money management, grant writing, managing employees.
- Certificates, transcripts, letters of completion from instructor or trainer, or receipt of payment will be accepted as proof of completion.