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Regulation 1 defines a number of terms that operators of licensed child care facilities and those applying for a license need to be familiar with. They are summarized here.

Centre day care facility (Centre)

A child day care facility where day care is provided, other than a private residence (home)

Health officer (Medical Officer of Health)

Person appointed under the *Public Health Act*. Includes environmental health officer (EHO)

Child day care program

Types of child day care programs that may be offered:

- full-time day care
- part-time day care
- nursery school day care (preschool day care)
- out-of-school day care

Communicable disease

As defined in subsection 1(1) of the *Public Health Act*, "a disease prescribed as a communicable disease"

Daily program

Regulation 21 lists the requirements of the daily program, or daily schedule

Day care

Care, instruction and supervision of a child in a facility that is not the child's home – i.e., in a centre or family day home

Family home day care facility (family day home)

Day care provided in the home of the person who operates the facility

Full-time day care

More than five hours per day

Guardian

A person who is not the parent and who has legal custody of a child

Health care professional

A person providing health care in NU – doctor, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or recognized health therapist

Nursery school day care (preschool day care)

Part-time day care provided for children less than the ages of six years for a period of four consecutive hours per day or less

Out-of-school day care

Day care outside of school hours for children who attend school

Operator who works at the facility

A person who meets all of the requirements of a staff person and looks after most of the administration of the facility

Parent

Term used to mean the biological or legal parent, guardian, or a person who is married to or lives as a common-law spouse with the child's legal parent

Part-time day care

Five hours per day, or less

Staff person

A person responsible for the day-to-day operation of a facility, including the delivery of the daily program. Includes family day home operators

Volunteer

A person who participates in the daily program without pay. Includes parents

In addition to the terms defined in Regulation 1, other terms used in this manual are defined below.

Child care

Short form of child day care

Director

The Director of Child Day Care Services, appointed by the Minister under section 3 of the *Child Day Care Act*. The Director has a number of powers and duties assigned by the Act and the *Child Day Care Standards Regulations*. The Director may delegate powers and duties to the Regional Early Childhood Officer.

Early childhood program

What children actually experience, learn and do while at the child care facility

Facility

A centre day care facility (centre), or family home day care facility (family day home)

Fire Marshal

The Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal. Fire inspections are required when applying for a license, and each year for license renewal.

Infant

A child who is 0 to 18 months of age

Preschool

A child over the age of 18 months but not yet required to register in Grade 1 of Education Program as set out in the *Education Act*

School-age

Any child that has started Grade 1 but has not yet turned 12 years of age

Operator

The person or organization named on the Child Day Care Facility License

Regional Early Childhood Officer (ECO)

The Regional Early Childhood Officer in each area. See *Contacts*

