













Overview of Exemptions

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What is an Exemption?



- An exemption is an <u>exception</u> to the requirement for a person or business to become licensed or commissioned for providing child care.
- Georgia law requires that anyone providing care for more than two children for pay must be licensed or exempt.
- Exemptions are site and owner specific.

What is an Exemption?



- There are no expiration dates, per se. An exemption remains in effect only until there is a change in the program. This may include moving to a new location or a change of ownership.
- A new location or a change of ownership = new application.
- Exemption approvals are limited to one location/address. Multiple locations for the same owner = separate approvals, one for each site address.

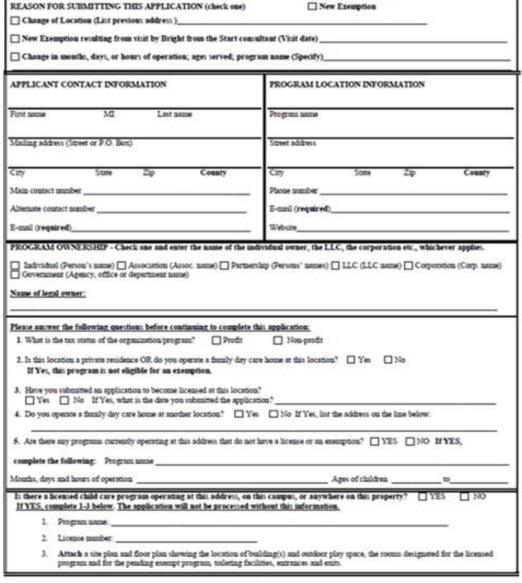
What is an Exemption?



- Family child care learning homes and private residences are *not* eligible for an exemption.
- Exemption approval from DECAL does not exempt a program from state and local county approvals. Applicants must be compliant with the requirements for zoning, fire and building authorities.
- A licensed and an exempt program may operate at the same location. Programs must be kept separate and cannot share playgrounds, or classrooms.

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EXEMPTION APPLICATION





Exemption Application

Exemption Partners

- Public/private schools
- Faith based organizations
- YMCA's/ Boys & Girls Clubs
- Parks & Recreation centers
- College/University systems
- CAPS
- Nutrition











Sample of Exemption Notice



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EFFECTIVE January 23, 2017

Cool Girls After School Club - Hope Hill Elementary

Exemption Program Number: EX - 46420

112 Boulevard, NE

Atlanta, Georgia 30312

This program is not licensed by Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early

Care and Learning and is not required to be licensed.

Bright from the Start does not regulate or routinely inspect this program.

For details about the exemption(s) approved for this program, please see the letter posted with this notice. For additional information, go to www.decal.ga.gov or call 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334





Exemption Requirements

Exemption rules and regulations are in effect for all exempt programs, regardless of when the exemption was granted. Exempt programs must adhere to the following:

- Post a copy of the exemption approval letter and the Notice of Exemption certificate indicating that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.
- Obtain the signature of parent(s) or guardian(s) on a form that indicates they have been advised and understand the program is **not licensed**.
- Maintain attendance records for all children.

CAPS Policy for Exempt Programs



The following requirements only apply to programs in category 1- Government owned or category 7- Day Camp that receive subsidy funding through the CAPS program.



CAPS Policy for Exempt Programs



- Types of Exempt Programs Authorized to Receive Subsidies:
 - Governmental Entities
 - Day Camp Programs
- New Requirements
 - Annual Enrollment
 - CRC Requirements
 - Monitoring Requirements
 - Health and Safety Training Requirements

Criminal Records Checks



Require criminal records checks through DECAL

- In addition to a federal fingerprint check, the new CCDF regulations require:
 - National Sex Offender Registry Check
 - Child Abuse Registry Check
 - Record checks in states where the applicant has resided in the past 5 years

Training Sources



Private training vendors such as independent trainers and training companies

- Classroom based
- Online

Search for available training at:

www.training.decal.ga.gov

Pennsylvania State University's Better Kid Care library http://extension.psu.edu/youth/betterkidcare/early-care/ccdbg

Technical Colleges

- Technical Certificate of Credit
- Technical Diploma



Questions





Contact Information



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