



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Health and Community Services
Children and Youth Services



Association of Early Childhood Educators
Newfoundland and Labrador
Child Care Services Certification

Entry Level Supplement 2006-2007 Information and Frequently Asked Questions

One of the central elements of quality child care is well trained child care providers. The Educational Supplement was introduced in 2001 to provide monetary support to certified early childhood educators (ECEs) working in regulated child care services. In 2006 the Entry Level Supplement was added to the existing Educational Supplement.

This new component will provide up to \$500.00 per year to Entry Level child care practitioners who are taking post-secondary courses to upgrade their educational qualifications to Level 1. To receive the full \$500.00, at least two courses must be successfully completed. For one course completed the amount is \$250.00.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is collaborating with the Association of Early Childhood Educators Newfoundland and Labrador (AECENL) to provide the Entry Level Supplement to those who qualify.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Entry Level Supplement is to provide monetary support to child care providers with Entry Level Certification to upgrade to Level 1. The intent is to improve the recruitment and retention of child care providers.

ELIGIBILITY

Entry Level centre-based and family child care providers who are currently working in regulated child care and are taking post-secondary courses to upgrade their educational qualifications to Level 1 may be eligible for the Entry Level Supplement. To be eligible you must:

- Have valid Entry Level Child Care Services Certification.
- Be working in regulated child care.
- Have successfully completed at least one post-secondary course from a provincially recognized educational institution between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007.
- Complete course(s) toward a provincially recognized Early Childhood Education Certificate or Diploma. (Check with the Registrar of Certification for eligible courses.)

The Entry Level Supplement is not available to:

- Licensees

- Fulltime Early Childhood Education students
- Those who have already graduated with their Early Childhood Education Certificate or Diploma.

ADMINISTRATION

- The Association of Early Childhood Educators Newfoundland and Labrador (AECENL) will assess the application to ensure that you have valid certification and that the coursework submitted meets the criteria of upgrading to Level 1 certification.
- Following AECENL's assessment, the Department of Health and Community Services will make final approval for payment.
- Applications for the Entry Level Supplement will be accepted by AECENL four times per year. Application dates are March 31, June 30, September 30 or December 31. Up to two applications per fiscal year are permitted.
- The original signed application form must be submitted to AECENL by mail or by hand.
- Applicants must attach to the application form original transcripts or grade reports to confirm their successful completion of courses; photocopies are not acceptable.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much is the Entry Level Supplement?

The Entry Level Supplement is a maximum of \$500.00 per year. You will receive \$250.00 for one course or \$500.00 for two courses successfully completed.

Who is eligible for the \$500.00?

Entry Level centre-based and family child care providers who are taking post-secondary courses to upgrade their qualifications to Level 1 can apply.

I completed a course in 2005. Am I eligible?

Course(s) must be completed between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007 to be eligible.

When can I apply for the Entry Level Supplement?

AECENL will accept applications four times per year. You may apply up to twice per fiscal year. Applicants have the option of applying on March 31, June 30, September 30 or December 31.

How many courses do I need to complete?

To receive the full \$500.00, at least two courses toward a Level 1 Child Care Services Certification must be successfully completed, between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007. For one course completed you will receive \$250.00. The courses must be from a provincially recognized educational institution. Be sure to check with the Registrar of Certification if you are not sure if the educational institution is provincially recognized.

If I complete four courses this year do I receive \$500.00 twice?

The maximum Entry Level Supplement is \$500.00 per applicant per year. You can carry forward two of the completed courses to the next fiscal year and receive another \$500.00 in 2007-2008.

Can I fax or e-mail my application?

An original signed application form and original transcripts or grade reports must be submitted. Applications and documentation sent by fax or e-mail are not acceptable.

Where can I find more information?

Information will be posted at <http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/childcare/default.htm> as it becomes available.

For eligibility or application information, contact AECENL at 579-3004 (outside the St. John's calling area toll free 1-866-579-3004) or by e-mail at acenl@nfld.net.

For information about payment, contact Jack Antle, Department of Health and Community Services, 709-729-2694 or by e-mail at jackantle@gov.nl.ca.

Where do I send my application?

The Association of Early Childhood Educators Newfoundland and Labrador (AECENL) will assess your application. If your application is approved, the payment will be issued by the Department of Health and Community Services.

Send your application to **Association of Early Childhood Educators Newfoundland and Labrador, Attention: Entry Level Supplement**

**By mail: PO Box 8657
ST. JOHN'S NL A1B 3T1**

**By hand: 33 Pippy Place, Suite 102
ST. JOHN'S NL** (This building is closed on evenings, weekends and holidays.)