



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Department of Health

Childcare Connections

For Day Care Centres—Child/Staff Ratio

When Child to Staff Ratio and Group Sizes are maintained caregivers can provide children with appropriate levels of supervision. The health, safety and overall development of children are optimized.

Childs Age	1 Qualified Staff	1 qualified staff should not care for more than this number of children	Total Adult Supervision (2 qualified staff <u>or</u> 1 qualified staff and 1 assistant)	2 Adults are needed to care for this number of children
Infants (0-12 months)	1	3	2	4-8
Toddlers (12-24 months)	1	3	2	4-10
	A class of 11—12 toddlers require 3 adults .			
2 years	1	4	2	5 -14
3 years	1	5	2	6 -20
4 years and above	1	8	2	9-24
Mixed Age under 3 years	Ratios are based on the youngest in the group.			
Mixed Age for 3 years and older.	Ratios are based on the age of the majority .			

Definitions

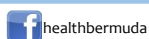
Assistant: 16 years of age and older working under the direct supervision of qualified staff at all times.

Qualified Staff: 18 years of age and have satisfactorily completed the Bermuda College Certificate for Child Care Assistants, or its equivalent.

In addition to group sizes and ratios the day care centre must also consider the following requirements:

- 25 sq.ft. per child of usable indoor space per classroom
- Adult supervision shall be continuous
- When regular staff members are absent, the operator must ensure that qualified staff are substituted for them.
- Where a person in charge is absent for more than two weeks within a three month period, the deputy shall have similar qualifications to those required for a person in charge.

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