

237C.6 Certificate application and issuance — denial, suspension, or revocation.

1. A person shall apply for a certificate to operate a children's residential facility by completing and submitting to the department an application in a form and format approved by the department. The department shall issue or reissue a certificate of approval if the department determines that the applicant is or upon commencing operation will provide children's residential facility services in compliance with [this chapter](#). A certificate of approval is valid for up to one year from the date of issuance for the period determined by the department in accordance with administrative rules providing criteria for making the determination.

2. The certificate of approval shall state on its face the name of the holder of the certificate, the particular premises for which the certificate is issued, and the number of children who may be cared for by the children's residential facility on the premises at one time under the certificate of occupancy issued by the director of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing or the designee of the director of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing. The certificate of approval shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the children's residential facility.

3. The department may deny an application for issuance or reissuance of a certificate of approval or suspend or revoke a certificate of approval if the applicant or certificate holder, as applicable, fails to comply with [this chapter](#) or the rules adopted pursuant to [this chapter](#) or knowingly makes a false statement concerning a material fact or conceals a material fact on the application for the issuance or reissuance of a certificate of approval or in a report regarding operation of the children's residential facility submitted to the department. All operations of a children's residential facility shall cease during a period of suspension or revocation. The department shall suspend or revoke a certificate of approval of a children's residential facility that fails to comply with [section 282.34](#).

[2016 Acts, ch 1114, §6; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §756, 1649; 2024 Acts, ch 1043, §72](#)

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