



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

REINSTATEMENT OF A CHILD CARE CENTER LICENSE FOLLOWING A DISASTER

1. QUESTION: Is there anything I should do to be sure that I continue to be licensed?

ANSWER: If your center is located in a parish that the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) Division of Licensing determines as impacted by disaster, your license may be suspended until you obtain post disaster approvals from the Division of Licensing, Office of the State Fire Marshal and Department of Health and Hospitals, Sanitarian Services and submit the required Re-Opening Request Form to the LDE.

2. QUESTION: How will I know if I am in a parish that has been declared a disaster parish?

ANSWER: The information regarding impacted parishes will be posted on the [LDE website \(www.louisianabelieves.com\)](http://www.louisianabelieves.com) as it happens. Continue to check the website for updates. You are also encouraged to check www.emergency.louisiana.gov for updates.

3. QUESTION: What do I do if my license is suspended?

ANSWER: The LDE website will include a list of parishes where center licenses have been suspended for all providers. The Center Reopening Request Form will also be posted on the website. You will be required to submit a Reopening Request Form and may also be required to obtain approvals as noted in question #1.

4. QUESTION: What if my license is suspended and I don't complete the required actions to be reinstated until after the deadline?

ANSWER: Your license will remain suspended.

5. QUESTION: If my center is damaged, can I continue to provide care for the children at my other center or another location?

ANSWER: You may care for children at your other LICENSED location as long as licensed capacity is not exceeded; however care MAY NOT be provided at an unlicensed location.

6. QUESTION: How is my license connected to CCAP? What is the difference in being a CCAP provider and a licensed provider?

ANSWER: Obtaining a license and CCAP certification are separate processes. All early learning centers are required to be licensed. Some centers care for only private pay children. Those centers do not have a CCAP Provider Agreement. Type III licensed early learning centers only may apply to participate in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to receive payments on behalf of families who receive CCAP. Those centers must be licensed as a Type III AND certified by LDE's Provider Certification Section prior to receiving CCAP payments.

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