

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE CENTRE PERSONNEL

CHILD CARE CENTRE SUPERVISOR

One whose main job responsibility is to plan and direct the programme of a child care centre and to supervise the teachers. The following professional qualifications and requirements must be met before a person may be appointed as a supervisor:

- Has successfully completed the Diploma in Pre-School Education Leadership (DPE-L) / Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education – Leadership (DECCE-L), or its equivalent recognised by MCYS,
- Has a valid certificate in first aid recognised by MCYS; and
- Has at least 2 years teaching experience in a child care/pre-school setting.

CHILD CARE CENTRE PROGRAMME STAFF

Child care centres are required to have at least 75% of all its teachers obtain a Diploma in Pre-School Teaching / Diploma in Early Childhood Care & Education – Teaching (DECCE-T) by January 2013.

a) Head/Senior Teacher

One whose main job responsibility is to assist the Supervisor in the daily running of the centre, supervise the teachers as well as take a class of children. The minimum professional qualification for head/senior teacher:

- Has successfully completed the Diploma in Pre-school Education - Teaching (DPE-T) / Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (DECCE-T), or its equivalent recognised by MCYS..

b) Child Care Teacher/Language Teacher

One whose main job responsibility is to take charge of a particular group of children in the centre/ One whose main job responsibility is to teach Mother Tongue Language in the centre. The minimum professional qualification for child care teacher/language teacher:

- Has successfully completed the Diploma in Pre-school Education - Teaching (DPE-T) / Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (DECCE-T), or its equivalent recognised by MCYS.

c) Infant Care Educarer

One whose main job responsibility is to take charge of a group of infants in planning and carrying out the daily developmental and caregiving tasks. The Infant Care Educarer also needs to attend to the health, hygiene and safety needs of the infants and to supervise Infant Care Assistants. The minimum professional qualification for infant care educator:

- Has successfully completed the Certificate in Infant/Toddler Care & Development or the Fundamentals Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education (with certification in Infants/Toddlers), or its equivalent recognised by MCYS;
- Has a valid first aid certificate recognised by MCYS;
- Has at least 2 years experience in a child care/pre-school setting; and
- Is above 21 years of age.

d) Infant Care Nurse

One whose main job responsibility is to take charge of a group of infants in planning and carrying out the daily developmental and caregiving tasks. The Infant Care Nurse also needs to attend to the health, hygiene and safety needs of the infants and to supervise Infant Care Assistants. The minimum professional qualification for infant care nurse:

- Is a State Registered Nurse (SRN); and
- Has preferably completed the Certificate in Infant/Toddler Care & Development or the Fundamentals Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education (with certification in Infants/Toddlers) recognised by MCYS.

e) Child Care Assistant

One whose main job responsibility is to assist the Child Care Teacher in the daily programme. The minimum professional qualification for child care assistant:

- Has successfully completed the Fundamentals Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education, or its equivalent recognised by MCYS.

f) Infant Care Assistant

One whose main job responsibility is to assist the Infant Care Educarer or the Infant Care Nurse in the daily programme. The minimum professional qualification for infant care assistant:

- Has successfully completed the Certificate in Family Day Care or the Fundamentals Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education recognised by MCYS; and
- Has a valid first aid certificate recognised by MCYS.