

TABLE 22

**Minimum space requirements per child in full-day regulated programs
(in square meters)¹ by province and territory (2006)**

P/T	Indoor space	Outdoor space	Location of outdoor space in relation to indoor space
NL	3.3m ² excluding fixed equipment	No specifications	On-site
PE	3.5m ² excluding kitchens, hallways, bathrooms, closets and other similar areas	7m ²	If no space is available adjacent the facility nearby parks or open space may be used with Board approval.
NS	2.75m ² of unobstructed playroom space	5.46m ²	On-site space or access to a play area within a reasonable distance.
NB	3.25m ² exclusive of offices, hallways, washrooms, lockers, kitchen facilities, shower rooms and isolation rooms	4.5m ² to safely accommodate 50% of the children at one time.	Adjacent to or within walking distance of the centre.
QC	4m ² for children under 18 months; 2.75m ² for older children	4m ² for at least one third of the children on the permit.	Contiguous to the centre or located less than 500m from facility with guaranteed access; or an outdoor children's play space in a public park, enclosed by a fence.
ON	2.8m ² of unobstructed floor space; for handicapped children 5m ²	5.6m ² unless otherwise approved by a Director	Must be adjacent to the premises unless otherwise approved by a Director.
MB	3.3m ² excluding hallways, washrooms, food preparation areas, storage space or other space not used for play; for infant space licensed after June 2002, equipment or furniture used for napping, feeding, toileting is also excluded.	7m ²	Within 350m of the centre; in school-age centres the space must be within 700m. Where not adjacent to the day care centre, the licensee must provide safe access.
SK	3.7m ² excluding offices, hallways, washrooms, kitchens, closets, lockers, furnace or boiler rooms and large or fixed equipment. An additional 2.3m ² separate sleeping area for each infant.	7m ²	At least half of outdoor space must be adjacent to centre. Remainder must be within walking distance, unless otherwise provided for in the license.
AB	3m ² of net floor space, appropriate for children when playing, resting, sleeping and eating. Includes unencumbered hallway space, but not stairwells, kitchens, offices, staff rooms, storage rooms or half the washroom space.	2m ² per child under per child 19 months or older, for least 50% of the licensed capacity.	Adjacent to or within walking distance of the centre.
BC	3.7m ² in a centre for children under 36 months, from 30 months to school age and in preschool, excluding hallways, built-in storage areas and bathrooms. 4m ² in special needs day care. 3m ² in out-of-school care. 5m ² per person in the sleeping area in overnight care.	7m ²	No specifications

NT	2.75m ² excluding storage space or fixed equipment. Space must be available for activities at all times of the operating hours if it is to be used in the calculation of available space.	5m ²	Adjacent to or within walking distance of the centre.
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YT	4m ² for activity, eating and sleeping, excluding hallways, cloakrooms, washrooms, sick room, furnace room, staff room, office, cooking area and private areas, and fixed furniture	5m ² for each child using the outdoor space.	Adjacent to or within walking distance of the centre.

1 For a more thorough examination of this issue please see Beach, J. & Friendly, M. (2005). *Child care centre physical environments. Quality by Design Working Document*. Toronto: Childcare Resource and Research Unit.