

# Religious Exempt Child Care Facilities

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## A Child Care Facility may claim Religious Exemption from Licensure annually *if*:

- It is an integral part of a church or parochial school -- conducting regularly scheduled classes, courses of study or educational programs.
- It is accredited by, or by a member of, an organization that publishes and requires compliance with its standards for health, safety and sanitation.
- It meets background screening requirements in ss. 402.305 and 402.3055, Florida Statutes. Failure to comply with these screening requirements will result in loss of the facility's exemption from licensure.

*Religious Exempt Child Care Facilities must complete an annual online statement attesting to the fact that the program remains eligible for exemption pursuant to s. 402.316, F.S., and that current background screening requirements are being met and upheld.*

*A child care program may not operate and care for children until these requirements have been met.*

### *Additional Information*

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Please contact the Child Care Licensing office in your area for more information on religious exemption and recognized religious exempt accrediting organizations. Refer to the Religious Exemption Statement (CF-FSP 5215) available as an online form on our website: [www.myflfamilies.com/childcare](http://www.myflfamilies.com/childcare)



*Note: Additional licensing and training standards are located in s. 402.305, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 65C-20, 65C-22 and 65C-25, Florida Administrative Code specific to the role(s) of child care personnel and the type of child care program.*

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