

Nova Scotia

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Day Care Act, 1989.

Day Care Regulations (amended 2011 by N.S. Reg. 155/2011) ^[1]

Nutrition

25 (1) A licensee must adhere to the food and nutrition standards established by the Minister.

(2) Each meal served to a child who is enrolled in a day care program must

(a) be nutritious; and

(b) provide servings from each of the food groups identified by Health Canada.

(3) Each snack served to a child who is enrolled in a day care program must

(a) be nutritious; and

(b) provide servings from at least 2 of the food groups identified by Health Canada, including at least 1 serving of vegetables or fruit.

(4) Each child enrolled in a full-day program must be provided with a lunch, a morning snack and an afternoon snack.

(5) Each child enrolled in a part-day program and a school-age program must be provided with a snack.

(6) Subject to subsection (7), each child enrolled in a school-age program may bring a lunch from home or be provided with a lunch.

(7) Children who bring their lunch from home must eat apart from children who are provided with a lunch by the program.

(8) For a family home day care program,

(a) each child who is in attendance during a regular meal period must be provided with a meal; and

(b) each child who is in attendance before or after a regular meal period must be provided with a snack.

Menus must be developed and followed

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(1) A facility director or, in the case of a family home day care program, a care provider, must develop and follow menus.

(2) A menu must be kept on file for 12 months.

(3) A facility director or, for a family home day care program, a care provider, may make a substitution to a menu if

(a) the substitution is of equal nutritional value to the original menu item;

(b) the menu documents the substitution; and

(c) a record of the substitution is kept on file for 12 months.

Infant feeding requirements

27 (1) Breast milk or formula provided by a parent for an infant must be

(a) labelled to specify the name of infant, the date received, and the contents;

(b) refrigerated at 4.0° C or lower; and

(c) stored in accordance with Provincial guidelines.

(2) Food provided by a parent for an infant must be dated, refrigerated if required, and used or discarded before the expiry date.

(3) An infant who cannot hold a bottle must be held by a staff member during bottle feeding.

(4) An infant must not be fed in a crib or by bottle propping.

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Links

[1] <http://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/dayregs.htm>