

# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRONZE, SILVER, AND GOLD CERTIFICATES?

## UNDERSTANDING REGISTRATION STATUS

### BRONZE certificate

You will receive a Bronze certificate that is valid for 1 year once your application has been approved.



### SILVER certificate

This is a conditional registration for 3 years (although this period may vary from province to province). It means you have not met all the requirements but have 3 years to correct this.



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### GOLD certificate

You have met all the all requirements and are fully registered for 5 years (although this period may vary from province to province).



### COMPLIANCE NOTICE

**This is different to a refusal notice.**

A compliance notice is issued by an EHP. If you fail the standards and your programme poses an immediate and serious risk to children, you will receive a compliance notice informing you that you need to close your programme (can also be referred to as a closure notice).

### REFUSAL NOTICE

**This is a notice related to the registration process.**

If you get one you will be told what the reasons are for the refusal, but you might have another chance. You will be given 1-5 months to address the problems before the social worker makes a follow-up visit.

If your programme puts children at immediate serious risk, you may not be given another chance to address the problems and may receive a compliance notice.