

# RULE ADOPTIONS

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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### OFFICE OF LICENSING

#### Notice of Readoption Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration

#### Readoption: N.J.A.C. 3A:54

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:5B-16 et seq.

Authorized By: Christine Norbut Beyer, M.S.W., Commissioner,  
Department of Children and Families.

Effective Date: January 19, 2024.

New Expiration Date: January 19, 2031.

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, the rules at N.J.A.C. 3A:54 were scheduled to expire on February 21, 2024. These rules provide the standards for family child care registration.

Subchapter 1 sets forth the chapter's legal authority, definitions, approval requirements for sponsoring organizations, and requirements related to access to records.

Subchapter 2 sets forth requirements related to administration of sponsoring organizations including sponsoring organization eligibility, administrative responsibility, reporting requirements, sponsoring organization records, and complaints against a sponsoring organization.

Subchapter 3 provides staff requirements for sponsoring organizations, including general staff requirements, types and responsibilities of staff, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Subchapter 4 sets forth service requirements for sponsoring organizations, including requirements related to evaluation of family child care provider applicants, training of family child care providers, issuing certificates of registration, collection of registration fees, and complaints against a provider. Subchapter 4 further describes requirements related to monitoring of family child care providers, technical assistance, information to parents, referral procedures, and outreach and public relations.

Subchapter 5 describes provider registration and operation procedures, including requirements related to provider eligibility, applications for registration, Child Abuse Record Information background check procedures, issuance and renewal of a registration, issuance of a temporary certificate of registration, and registration fees. Subchapter 5 further includes requirements related to denials, suspensions, revocations, nonrenewals, and provider appeal procedures, special requirements to prevent child abuse and neglect, provider reporting requirements, and provider record requirements.

Subchapter 6 sets forth the safety, health, and program requirements for providers. The requirements at Subchapter 6 relate to the number and age of children receiving care, buildings and equipment, emergency preparedness, general safety, outdoor space, transportation and trips, health examinations for children, sick children, injury to a child while in the provider's care, environmental sanitation and personal hygiene, and activities for children. The requirements at Subchapter 6 further relate to rest and sleep, food and nutrition, bottle and cup feeding, toilet training and diaper changing, school aged children, children with special needs, supervision, guidance and discipline, communicating with parents, and nighttime child care.

The Department of Children and Families has reviewed the rules at N.J.A.C. 3A:54 and found them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purposes for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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### DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS

#### Notice of Administrative Correction Uniform Construction Code

#### N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1

Effective Date: January 17, 2024.

**Take notice** that the Department of Community Affairs (Department) has discovered an administrative error in the text at N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1, Subcode adopted. Specifically, the error is a non-functioning website link embedded within the text at N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1(a)1. To correct this error and maintain future applicability of the website link in the Uniform Construction Code, this notice of administrative correction removes and replaces the obsolete link with a link to the Consumer Product Safety Commission website homepage.

The Department has requested, and the Office of Administrative Law has agreed to, such correction be made administratively. This notice of administrative correction is published pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7.

**Full text** of the corrected rule follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

#### SUBCHAPTER 11. PLAYGROUND SAFETY SUBCODE

5:23-11.1 Subcode adopted

(a) Pursuant to authority [of] **at** P.L. 1999, [c.50] **c. 50** (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-123.9 et seq.), the Commissioner hereby adopts the playground safety guidelines of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, known as the 2010 edition of the "Handbook for Public Playground Safety" (Pub. No. 325). These guidelines are hereby adopted by reference as the Playground Safety Subcode for New Jersey.

1. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Information and Public Affairs, Washington, DC 20207, [[www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUBS/325.pdf](http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUBS/325.pdf)] <https://www.cpsc.gov/>.

2. (No change.)

(b) (No change.)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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### NEW JERSEY BOARD OF TREE EXPERTS

#### Notice of Readoption Board of Tree Experts

#### Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:3A

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:15C-11 et seq.

Authorized By: Board of Tree Experts, Stephen M. Chisholm,  
Chairman.

Effective Date: January 18, 2024.

New Expiration Date: January 18, 2031.

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Board of Tree Experts rules at N.J.A.C. 7:3A are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules were scheduled to expire on April 17, 2024. The New Jersey Board of Tree Experts (Board) has authority to promulgate these rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:15C-15. The Board has reviewed these rules and determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A.