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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**CHILD CARE BULLETIN (CCB) NO. 26-08**

The purpose of this Child Care Bulletin (CCB) is to provide guidance to General Child Care and Development (CCTR) and Migrant General Child Care and Development (CMIG) contractors related to the provisions of specified assistant teacher permit requirements pursuant to [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 753](#) (Chapter 165, Statutes 2025).



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GUIDANCE TYPE: **DIRECTIVE**

TO: CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 753 (CHAPTER 165, STATUTES 2025).

APPLICABLE PROGRAMS: GENERAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (CCTR)  
MIGRANT GENERAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (CMIG)

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 753 \(CHAPTER 165, STATUTES 2025\);](#)  
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTION 10267.6;](#)  
[WIC SECTION 10380; WIC SECTION 10383.1](#)

## Purpose

The purpose of this Child Care Bulletin (CCB) is to provide guidance to General Child Care and Development (CCTR) and Migrant Child Care and Development (CMIG) contractors regarding the implementation of the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 753 (Chapter 165, Statutes 2025) regarding assistant teacher permits.

## Background

Pursuant to [Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) Section 10380 \(a\)\(2\)](#), persons employed as teachers in child development programs are required to possess a permit issued by the [California Commission on Teacher Credentialing \(CTC\)](#) authorizing service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program. An individual must meet the criteria specified in

[WIC Section 10380](#)(b) in order to be eligible to serve in an instructional capacity in a child care and development program.

On October 1, 2025, the Governor signed [AB 753](#), which added, in pertinent part, [WIC Section 10383.1](#). WIC 10383.1 allows the CTC to issue a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis that authorizes the permit holder to assist in the care, development, and instruction of children, subject to specified supervision requirements and limitations. Pursuant to [WIC Section 10383.1](#), the CTC may issue a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis to an applicant provided the applicant:

1. Completed at least 6 units from an accredited institution of higher education in of early childhood education, child development, or human development, or a combination thereof,
2. Is enrolled in a course or courses necessary to meet the requirements for the next level permit issued by the CTC and has an education plan that is updated each academic year; and
3. Is sponsored by an employer who has a current contract with the Department of Social Services (CDSS) to be a childcare and development program provider.

[WIC Section 10383.1](#) limits the number of individuals with a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis that a childcare and development provider is permitted to employ at each site, and limits the length of time individuals with a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis may independently supervise children. WIC 10383.1 also imposes requirements regarding what the contractor must maintain in the file of individuals possessing Child Development Assistant Teacher Permits with the Independent Care Emphasis.

[WIC Section 10383.1](#) will become inoperable and be repealed one year after the implementation of the CTC revised child development permit matrix or January 1, 2029, whichever is later.

## **Guidance**

**Effective immediately**, CCTR and CMIG contracting agencies may employ individuals who have obtained a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis to assist in the care, development, and instruction of children.

## **Contractor Responsibilities and Staffing Limitations**

The contracting agency employing any individual who has been issued a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis must maintain a copy of the permitholder's current education plan in their employee file and make the education plan available for review by the CDSS upon request. The contracting agency must ensure that the permitholder updates their education plan every academic year and must verify that the permitholder is adhering to their education plan. If the permitholder is not adhering to their current education plan, as evidenced by proof of enrollment, unofficial transcript, similar documentation, or any other information made known to the contracting agency, the contracting agency shall not allow the permitholder to independently supervise children for classroom support, during breaks, or to escort children outside of the classroom.

The contracting agency employing any individual who has been issued a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis must ensure that the permitholder is, at all times, properly supervised by an employee who holds a valid CTC-issued child development permit at the teacher level or higher. Holders of a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis authorized by [WIC Section 10383.1](#) may not be supervised by an individual who has an approved Site Supervisor or Program Director waiver issued by the CDSS pursuant to [WIC Section 10242\(d\)](#).

The contracting agency must ensure that if it allows individuals who have been issued a Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis to temporarily supervise children independently, such supervision may not exceed more than 120 minutes per day and must be limited to times when the supervising employee leaves the classroom for purposes of offering flexibility for classroom support, during breaks, or escorting children outside of the classroom. **Classroom support**, for purposes of this CCB, includes the following circumstances: assisting within an indoor or outdoor early education setting to promote a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment, engaging children in activities, supporting social-emotional development, assisting with daily routines and providing individualized attention to children as needed, and during the supervision of children during employee breaks, or escorting children outside of the classroom in the following capacity: supporting toileting routines, hygiene, health and injury support, family or authorized representative pick up.

Additionally, the contracting agency must ensure that the number of Child Development Assistant Teacher permit holders with the Independent Care Emphasis employed by the contracting agency at one site shall not exceed 50 percent of the number of classrooms at that site. The contracting agency also shall not assign more than one Child Development Assistant Teacher permitholders with the Independent Care Emphasis to each classroom.

## **Data Collection**

The CDSS may be requesting data on the number of individuals who have been issued Child Development Assistant Teacher Permits with the Independent Care Emphasis at center-based program sites. The data will be collected through either the contractor's annual Program Self-Evaluation (PSE) or as part of another existing data collection process pursuant to [WIC Section 10267.6](#).

## **Commission on Teacher Credentialing Information**

The CTC has begun accepting applications for the Child Development Assistant Teacher Permit with the Independent Care Emphasis. In December 2025, the CTC issued a Credential Information Alert (CIA) with details that can be found at: [CIA 25-09 Independent Care Emphasis](#).

If you have any questions or need additional clarification regarding the information in this CCB, contact your assigned Program Quality and Improvement Consultant. The list of assigned consultants can be found on the [Child Care and Development Programs webpage](#).

Sincerely,

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