

## Reference Guide - Childcare Businesses

The process to register a business in PA varies based on several factors. To ensure you complete the basic steps to register your business, you should create a [Business Registration Checklist](#). After answering a series of questions, you will be provided a step-by-step guide. Complete each step and you will be on your way to operating.

Beyond the basic business registration steps as determined by the checklist, there is no general business license that all Pennsylvania businesses are required to obtain. Instead, there might be a specific license based on your business activity. Continue reading below for specific requirements associated with your business.

A childcare business should consider the following items:

1. **Childcare License:** You will need a license through the PA Department of Human Services. You can find more information about the licensing requirement by reviewing the Department of Human Service's [licensing webpage](#).
2. **Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) Clearance:** The CPSL requires certain individuals to obtain clearances to be employed around children. For more information, review the Department of Human Service's [clearances webpage](#).

Besides the items mentioned above, there are no other requirements for a childcare business.

After completing any requirements as determined by reviewing the items above, your business should be ready to begin operating.