

9-410 WAIVERS TO LICENSING REGULATIONS AND OTHER DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Licensing waivers or policy exceptions may be granted for certification of foster and adoptive homes if the family can meet the child's needs and satisfy all other certification requirements, provided the non-compliance issue doesn't pose a risk to the child's safety or health.

The Home Development Supervisor, the Home Development case worker, Home Development Manager, Area Director, Regional Administrator, and the State Office Child Welfare Manager must each concur with the request.

Waivers must be approved by the Secretary or their designee.

Waivers are not allowed for offenses prohibited by licensing requirements. There are policy exceptions that may not require a corrective action, such as number of kids in a room, or age. A certified home that doesn't meet all requirements must either have an approved waiver or be under a corrective action plan not to exceed a two-month period to address the issues to be deemed a certified home.

PROCEDURES, FORMS, AND RESOURCES

References:

Louisiana Administrative Code – Title 67, Part 5, Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 - P.L. 105-89
Residential Licensing – Chapter 73 Child Placing Agencies: Section 7313 Foster Care Services, Section 7315 Adoption Services
R.S. 15:587.1 - Provision of information to protect children (Child Protection Act)

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Child Welfare – 9. Home Development – 4. Minimum Requirements for Foster and Adoptive Homes – 9-410 Waivers to Licensing Regulations and Other Department Requirements

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