

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing Section 13: Approval Process	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The licensing approval process is done to make sure the foster family home (FFH) will meet the roles and responsibilities of a licensed foster parent.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will process all recommendations for licensing a FFH based on their ability to meet all requirements and qualifications.

DCS will not discriminate against someone with a disability and will look at ways to reasonably accommodate them.

Following Indiana law, the FFH license will last four (4) years, minus one (1) day. The start and end date will be listed on the license.

License Revisions

If something changes that could affect the child's health and well-being, the licensing worker will make those changes in the case management system, as outlined in law, and follow the approval process.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-4-6.5: "Disability"; foster family home](#)
- [IC 31-27-4-16: Duration of license; limitations; renewal](#)
- [42 USC 12102: Definition of disability](#)
- [465 IAC 2-1.5-3: Qualifications of the foster family; general](#)