

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing Section 16: Foster Family Home Relicensure		
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Indiana law outlines the duration of a license as well as limitations and rules for renewal. A license is valid for four (4) years. This policy goes over the rules around relicensure.

POLICY STATEMENT

Relicensing a Foster Family Home

To extend a foster home license for another four (4) years, the foster family must apply for relicensure.

- The current license stays active while the relicensure application is being processed.
- DCS will review the application and either approve a new license or deny the request.

Note: The application should be signed and dated before the current license expires. If the home is approved, the new license will begin on the same day the old one ends. If the home does not meet all requirements but DCS decides to move forward, a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) must be created and completed before the license can be renewed. See policy 12.17.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-4-16: Duration of license; limitations; renewal](#)