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List children in order by age to get decimal point values and total ratio.

Does the total Ratio exceed 1.34? (or 2.34 for two providers)?

Yes → You are out of compliance.

NO ↓

Does the number of children exceed the _group size_ limit for the age of **majority** of the children (unless infant in group; then it must not exceed ten children)?
   (e.g. 2:10 for infant)

Yes → You are out of compliance.

NO ↓

If all of the children are in the **same** age group, does the number of the children exceed the **provider ratio**?

Yes → You are out of compliance.

NO ↓

If the **maximum** number of children per provider, for any age group, has been reached; are there any children younger than that age group?

Yes → You are out of compliance.

NO ↓

You are in compliance.

Infants 0 -17 months
Ratio   1:4
Decimal   .25
Group Max   10

Toddlers 18 mths - 36 mths
Ratio   1:5
Decimal   .20
Group Max   15

Preschool 3 years
Ratio   1:7
Decimal   .14
Group Max   20

Preschool 4 years
Ratio   1:10
Decimal   .10
Group Max   25

Preschool 5 years
Ratio   1:12
Decimal   .08
Group Max   30

School Age 6 - 12 years
Ratio   1:20
Decimal   .05
Group Max   40

Mixed Age Groups
Group size must be consistent with the age of majority of the children when **NO children age 0-18 months are in the group.**

When children age 0-18 months are in the group, the group size may not exceed 10

Best Practices:

Recommend that mixed age groups, especially ones that include children under 3 years of age, should only be for the opening and closing hour of care.

The following example is with two providers:
List the children in order by age to get decimal point values and total ratio.

Name	DOB	Age	Decimal	Ratio	Group Max
Heather	3/5/2012	22 months	.20	1:5	15
Melissa	3/22/2012	20 months	.20	1:5	15
Troy	5/23/2013	7 months	.25	1:4	10
Jeremy	6/7/2013	6 months	.25	1:4	10
Mike	6/18/2013	6 months	.25	1:4	10
Tabatha	7/19/2013	5 months	.25	1:4	10
Donna	9/22/2013	2 months	.25	1:4	10
Sara	9/30/2013	2 months	.25	1:4	10
Sidney	10/1/2013	2 months	.25	1:4	10

Does the total exceed 1.34 for one provider or 2.34 for two providers? **No ↑ Total for children = 2.15**

If **YES ↑ you are out of compliance**

Does the number of children exceed the GROUP MAX limit for the age of majority? **No ↑ Group of 9**

If **YES ↑ you are out of compliance**

If all of the children are in the same age group, does the number of the children exceed the provider ratio?

No ↑ All children are not from the same age group. 7 are from 1:4 ratio and 2 are from 1:5 ratio.

If **YES ↑ you are out of compliance**

If the maximum number of children per provider for any age group, has been reached; are there any children younger than that age group? **No ↑**

With two providers, this group can be calculated as:

Provider 1
Meets the ratio of 1:4 but only has a decimal point of 1.00, therefore they could add another child of a ratio of 1:5 that has a decimal point of 0.20 to equal 1.20. This does not exceed the allowable 1.34.

Provider 2
Meets the ratio of 1:4 but has a decimal point of 0.95 due to having 3 children of a decimal value of 0.25 at a ratio of 1:4 and has one child with a decimal value of 0.20 at a ratio of 1:5. This does not exceed the allowable 1.00 for a second provider.

Together the providers equal a decimal value of 2.15 (allowed 2.34), and the group max of the youngest child is 10 (group has 9 children). Although the ratio is 1:4 for 7 of the 9 children, because the group maximum has not been exceeded , this is still in compliance according to ND Rules and Regulations 75-03-10-08

If **YES ↑ you are out of compliance**

PLEASE NOTE:
Best Practices recommend that mixed age groups ,especially ones that include children under 3 years of age, should only be for the opening and closing hour of care. Best Practices support a ratio of less children per staff in each age group.