

FACTSHEET: AB 2370

Water Testing Requirements and How to Apply for Free Services

How do centers apply for assistance?



Go to: <https://ab2370assistance.owp.csus.edu/>

What are the basic requirements in AB 2370 concerning lead in drinking water?

Assembly Bill 2370, Chapter 676, Statutes of 2018, requires that Licensed Child Care Centers operating in buildings constructed before January 1, 2010 must have their drinking water tested for excessive lead levels¹ by January 1, 2023. This requirement applies to centers only, not to Family Child Care Homes. If lead levels in water exceed an Action Level of 5 parts per billion, centers are required to take certain actions. More details are included in the Written Directives, which were released by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

¹For more information, see the CDSS Provider Information Notices 21-21 CCP at: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2021/CCP/PIN-21-21-CCP.pdf>

More resources are available at: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-licensing/water-testing-information>

Who receives the funds and what services will it cover?

A grant team, led by the Office of Water Programs (OWP) at Sacramento State, receives funding from the State Water Board and CDSS to support testing, fixture replacement, and retesting for centers meeting eligibility requirements for funding assistance. OWP has partnered with the California Rural Water Association (CRWA) to provide testing services, which include both sample collection and laboratory analysis, as well as with the Resource & Referral (R&R) Network to assist in outreach. Reimbursement of third-party sampling costs incurred by the center is not available.

Is there funding for new fixtures?

To qualify for reimbursement for new fixtures, documentation must be received by OWP, including LIC9276, LIC9275, proof of fixture compliance with lead requirements, LIC number of plumbing contractor, and before and after photos of fixture replacement. Also, official results must be reported by a state-certified lab to the State Water Board.

Email ab2370assistance@owp.csus.edu for instructions on applying for fixture approval and reimbursement requests.

Contacts:

Centers with general questions about AB 2370 should email: cccwatertesting@dss.ca.gov

Centers with questions on applying for services should email OWP: ab2370assistance@owp.csus.edu

Centers that have been approved to receive services should email questions regarding sampling appointment to CRWA: ab2370leadsampling@calruralwater.org

Assistance is also available at the R&R Network: [Annette Gomez agomez@rrnetwork.org](mailto:Annette.Gomez.agomez@rrnetwork.org)
[Tunisia Jackson tmjackson@rrnetwork.org](mailto:Tunisia.Jackson.tmjackson@rrnetwork.org)

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