

EXTERNAL WATER SAMPLER SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM

(Including lab requirements for testing water for lead at licensed Child Care Centers)

Name:	Phone Number:
Company Name:	Email Address:
Address:(City, State, Zip code)	Type of Certification, Date and Number:

Part One is to ensure that the above-named individual meets the qualifications of a Certified External Water Sampler as established by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in partnership with the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB-DDW).

Part 1A - Certification of Certified Water Sampler

1. Check at least one of the following requirements that applies:

- Have received water sampling training for the collection of lead in drinking water through a California water district within the last 36 months.
- Have a Baccalaureate or higher degree in engineering or science from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Have the equivalent of one year of experience in water sampling.

Or be currently employed in at least one of the following capacities:

- A California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Certified Lead Inspector/Assessor](#).
- A CDPH [Lead Sampling Technician](#).
- A Certified [Treatment or Water Distribution Operator](#) – lists are updated monthly on the [California State Water Resources Control Board website](#).
- An employee of an engineering firm under the oversight of a California licensed Professional Engineer in Civil Engineering with at least one year of experience conducting water sampling.

Part 1B - Certification of Certified Water Sampler	Yes	No
1. I have reviewed and fully understand the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 3Ts method outlined in the CDSS written directives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I viewed and understand the video created by the Office of Water Programs (OWP) at Sacramento State University outlining the procedures for a sampler testing Child Care Centers for lead in drinking water. (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I will ensure that all samples are delivered to the testing laboratory as required for preservation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I will conduct sampling using the 3Ts Module 5 as guidance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 2 - ELAP Lab Requirements Verification	Yes	No
1. I will relinquish all water samples and documentation to a laboratory that is accredited by the State of California Environmental Laboratory Accredited Program (ELAP) , to perform Environmental Protection Agency Method 200.8 for lead in drinking water as required per chain-of-custody.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I will direct the ELAP lab to use a method reporting limit of 1 part per billion (ppb) for lead.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I will use 250-mL bottles to collect all water samples.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I will direct the lab to provide initial test results to three parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Me, the Sampler (via email or paper) • The licensed Child Care Center (via email or paper), if requested • The SWRCB-DDW (electronically) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I have reviewed and will follow the CDSS Written Directives for water sampling and lead testing in California’s Child Care Centers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I will review the lab results for any errors, verify for accuracy, and inform the Child Care Center of any Action Level Exceedances.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you are an eligible water sampler (as specified in the written directives) and you would like to share your contact information with child care centers in need of water sampling for required lead testing, please email cccwatertesting@dss.ca.gov, and provide: name of organization, contact name, title, phone, email, and counties that can be serviced.

I, the above-named individual, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I have read and understand the information above and that my responses are true and correct.

Signature of water sampler, Title

Date