

# CDA® Credential: Initial and Renewal Prices

## Pricing Effective August 1, 2025

Effective August 1, 2025, the Council for Professional Recognition is updating the pricing for the Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™ to align with operational and technological advancements to sustain credentialing excellence. As part of our commitment to maintaining the quality and integrity of the CDA credential, we'll soon be introducing a new pricing policy that includes an increase in fees for new applications and renewals. This ensures transparency and consistency while supporting the investments needed to deliver an excellent experience for our educators.

### NEW PRICING:

#### INITIAL CDA CREDENTIAL APPLICATION:

Online application: \$525

Paper application: \$600

#### CDA RENEWAL APPLICATION:

Online application: \$250

Paper application: \$300

Paper applications need to be submitted by July 1, 2025,  
and online applications by July 31, 2025.

For your convenience, we have provided a [Library of FAQs](#) to help you plan and prepare for the price increase. As part of our long-term planning, we will review operational costs and assess pricing adjustments every three years.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing the early childhood education workforce. If additional information is required, please contact our Customer Support team at [800-424-4310](tel:800-424-4310) or [CDAfeedback@cdacouncil.org](mailto:CDAfeedback@cdacouncil.org).