

# FACTSHEET: AB 2370

## Water Testing Requirements and How to Apply for Free Services

### How do Child Care Centers apply for assistance?



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

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

Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 1597.16 (enacted through Assembly Bill 2370, Chapter 676, Statutes of 2018), requires licensed Child Care Centers (CCCs) operating in buildings constructed before January 1, 2010, to have their water outlets used for human consumption tested for lead contamination levels. The law required CCCs to test their water by the initial deadline of January 1, 2023. Recurring testing is required no later than 5 years after initial testing to maintain compliance. These requirements apply to CCCs only, not to Family Child Care Homes. If lead levels in water exceed an Action Level of 5.5 parts per billion (ppb), CCCs are required to take certain actions. Lead testing requirements are outlined in the Written Directives for Lead Testing in CCCs, as set forth in Provider Information Notice (PIN) 21.21.1 CCP.

For more information, visit the CDSS Water Testing Information webpage 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 California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to support testing, fixture replacement, and retesting for CCCs meeting eligibility requirements for funding assistance. OWP has partnered with the California Rural Water Association (CRWA) to provide testing services. Reimbursement of sampling costs incurred by the center is not available; however, those centers can apply for future testing by the grant team. If you have a question about your results, OWP offers free consultations for all centers.

Financial assistance and free services include reimbursement up to \$450.00 per exceedance to replace your fixtures. Email [ab2370assistance@owp.csus.edu](mailto: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](mailto:cccwatertesting@dss.ca.gov)

Centers with questions on applying for services should email OWP: [ab2370assistance@owp.csus.edu](mailto:ab2370assistance@owp.csus.edu)

Assistance is also available at the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network: Tunisia Jackson, [tmjackson@rnetwork.org](mailto:tmjackson@rnetwork.org)

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