DECAL KOALA Enhancements for License-Exempt Programs

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What's changing...?

Beginning July 5, 2020 exempt programs may submit an Exemption Application and an Exemption Amendment Application online.

Exempt program owners can now create an Owner ID for activation and use.





Exemption Application

An application for exemption from licensure submitted for review that includes supporting documentation based on the exemption category selection(s).







Exemption Amendment

An approved change to the initial exemption from licensure affecting any of the following:

- Ages served
- Months, days, and/or hours of operation
- Program's operating name
- Change of street address by the US Postal Service only – not a location change





REMINDERS...

New Exemption Application Required

- Move to a new location
- Change in ownership
- Adding a new exemption category

Exemption Amendment Application Required

- USPS Address change
- Change in name of the program
- Change in ages served
- Change in months of operation
- Change in days of operation
- Change in hours of operation



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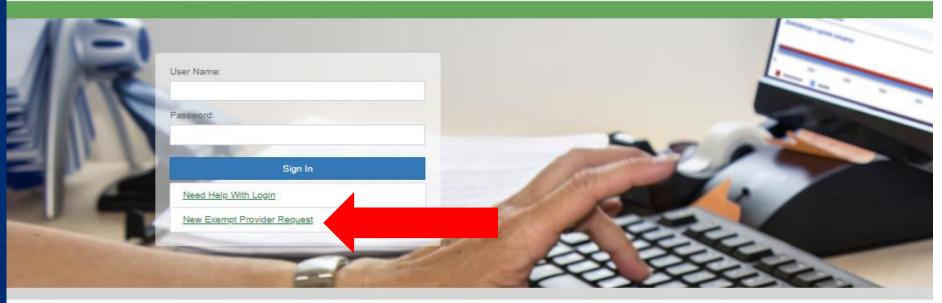


DECAL KOALA Changes

- Exemption Owner ID Activation
- Licensed CCLCs Can Apply for an Exemption
- Online Exemption Closure Request
- Online Exemption Application Submission
- Online Exemption Amendment Application Submission

Applying for a New Exemption

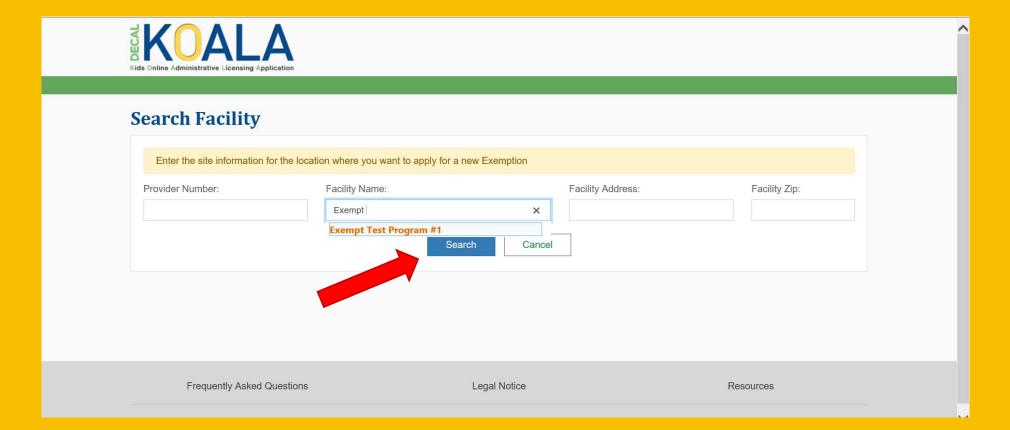




Bright from the Start is continuing its commitment to provide excellent customer service, increase communication and simplify administrative processes. DECAL KOALA is an online resource that is available to all licensed child care programs, approved exempt programs and registered support centers. When you activate your DECAL KOALA account, you can log in online to view and update specific information about your program(s), enter additional email addresses, pay license fees (if applicable), print your license or registration certificate and more.

If you have questions, comments or need support, send an email to decalkoala@decal.ga.gov









Search Facility

Enter the site information for the lo	cation where you want to apply for a new Exemption		
Provider Number:	Facility Name:	Facility Address:	Facility Zip:
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	Provider Number	Facility Name	Address	County	*
Login	EX-52575	abc	test Alpharetta, GA - 30004	Fulton	
Login	LSS-1033	Alpharetta Elementary	192 Mayfield Rd + Alpharetta, GA - 30004	Fulton	
Login	EX-47759	Alpharetta Recreation & Parks - Summer Art Camp	12824 Broadway Road Alpharetta, GA - 30004	Fulton	
Login	EX-50297	Amazing Athletes of North ATL	5025 Atlanta Highway Alpharetta, GA - 30004	Forsyth	
Login	EX-50234	Atlanta United Football Club- Alpharetta	14295 Birmingham Highway	Fulton	•
		Don't see your program location the click Generate New	ID		





Exemptions Exemption Unit Phone: Exemption Unit Email: (770) 293-5977 CCSExemption@decal.ga.gov Is the program located at a private residence? Yes ○ No Programs operated in a residence are not eligible for an exemption. Cancel Frequently Asked Questions Legal Notice Resources © 2020 Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning





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Exemption Unit Email:

CCSExemption@decal.ga.gov

Is the program located at a private residence?

O Yes

O No



Cancel



Programs operated in a residence are not eligible for an exemption.					
Enter the following contact information to get a DECAL KOALA ld cre	ated				
First Name	Program Addre	ess			
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Last Name	Address 2	Address 2			
Hicks					
Program Name	City	State		Zip	
Phase 6 Test	Atlanta	Georgia	~	30303	
Program Email	Phone			Phone Ext	
shyreeta.hicks@decal.ga.gov	(770) 344-510	7	×		





Your request for a new exemption provider account has been submitted successfully. You will be receiving an account activation email which should be used to login and submit the exemption application.

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Welcome to DECAL KOALA



CCSExemptionsTest@decal.ga.gov



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CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

DECAL KOALA (https://www.decalkoala.com) is a self-service website where you can submit your Exemption Application. If your exemption is approved, then you will also be able to maintain current contact information and update information about your program for parents to see when they search for a program.

You will need the User Name below to sign into the website.

User Name: EX-52607

Click here to activate your account and return to the DECAL KOALA website to login with the user name shown above.

If clicking the link above doesn't work, copy and paste the following URL into your browser: http://decalkoalatest.decal.local/Activate/8b2a6f31-55b1-ea11-af98-000d3a0f4243

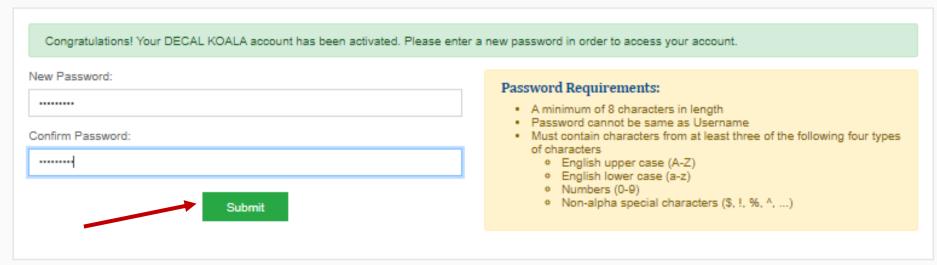
Note: You will be unable to login to the DECAL KOALA website until this step has been completed.







Congratulations





OWNER ID LOG-IN



OWN-3

Noah's Ark Preschool Academy of Terrell Inc.

Owner Contact First Name: Owner Contact Last Name:

Weston

Owner Phone:

Owner Email:

Shyreeta.Hicks@decal.ga.gov

Apply for New Exempt Program

This is the current list of licensed programs that are in the DECAL database as Open (operating) under your Owner Name. If this list does not match your records, notify your consultant immediately.

	Provider Number	Facility Name	Address	City	Capacity
1 📂	CCLC-39594	Noah's Ark Preschool Academy of Terrell	774 2nd Avenue, SE	Dawson	35
2 🍃	EX-51587	Noah's Rainbow Academy	432 Crawford Street SE	Dawson	

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MANAGING PROGRAMS



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Exemption Application

Exemption Unit Phone:

(770) 293-5977

Exemption Unit Email:

CCSExemption@decal.ga.gov

Step 1. Application

Step 2. Add Categories

Step 3. Submit

EXEMPTION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS - Read Carefully

- . You may submit an Exemption Application for a program providing group care for children if the program is not operated in a residence and you believe the program meets the criteria for an exemption category in Rule 591-1-1-.46(1)(b)1-14.
- . Exempt programs are not required to comply with the Bright from the Start Rules for Child Care Learning Centers but must comply with the criteria and requirements for exemptions in Rule 591-1-1-.46(1)(a) Exemption Requirements and Rule 591-1-1-.46(1)(b) Exemption Categories. The rules are available at http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/Exemptions.aspx and you can complete the Exemption Application(s) below. Questions may be sent to ccsexemptions@decal.ga.gov
- Complete:
 - A separate Exemption Application for each location/site address.
 - A separate Description of Service for each exemption category you are applying for.
 - Complete Attachment A only if you are applying for the category 14 Religious/faith-based exemption. The form is available at http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/Exemptions.aspx
 - Do not use initials if you have a given name.

Note: A family child care learning home license is required for a program caring for three to six children for pay in a residence. Licensing information is available at http://decal.ga.gov/CCS/StartingACenter.aspx



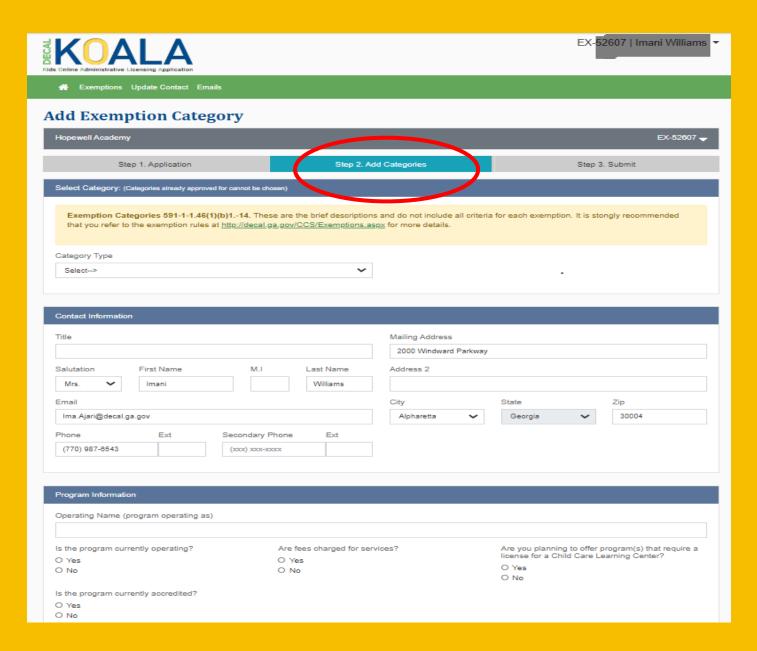


Note: A family child care learning home license is required for a program caring for three to six children for pay in a residence. Licensing information is available at http://decal.ga.gov/CCS/StartingACenter.aspx Is the program located at a private residence? No Full Name of Legal Owner Is Owner information correct? Program Ownership Alpharetta Hopewell Individual Profit Status Date Operation Started For Profit Пи 06/18/2020 Site Information (Site/Physical Location) Site Address Program Name 2000 Windward Parkway Hopewell Academy Address 2 Contact Title Director \sim Salutation Contact First Name M.I City State Zip Contact Last Name 30004 Selec 💙 Williams Alpharetta Georgia Region Program Website Program Email County Phone Ext http(s)://www.website.com lma.Ajari@decal.ga.gov Select-> (770) 987-6543 **Program Information** Does applicant have other exemptions? Enter the license number if there is a licensed program currently operating at this address No Are there any additional programs currently operating at this address that do not have a license or an exemption? No 250 characters Describe the program/services offered: Upload additional information Continue to Add Categories

Application Step 1:

- Select 'No' to the question "Is the program located at a private residence?" to proceed to Step 1: Application.
- Add Owner's Information, Site Information, and Program Information.
- Click 'Continue to add Categories' button to move to Step 2: Add Categories.





Application Step 2:

• Select EX-1 through EX-14 from the 'Category Type' dropdown. You cannot select multiple exemption categories. Only one category can be selected per application.

 Add Contact Information, Program Information, and Operating Information.



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Required Documents:

- Enrollment form
- · Exemption Parent Statement Sample Parent Statement
- · Operating Information
- · Program advertisement (flyer, webpage)
- · School Schedule

Back to Application

Saved successfully

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	Document Type	File Name	Description	Action
A	Enrollment form	Test.pdf	Enrollment Form	Ŵ
A	Exemption Parent Statement	Test.pdf	Exemption Parent Statement	Ŵ
A	Operating Information	Test.pdf	Operating Information	ŵ
A	Program advertisement (flyer, webpage)	Test.pdf	Program Advertisement	ŵ
A	Program advertisement (flyer, webpage)	Test.pdf		ŵ
A	School Schedule	Test.pdf		ŵ

Click 'Save' and this message will



Continue to Submit

Document Upload Reminders

- Click on 'Upload Document' button to upload required supporting documents.
- The document type is displayed, File name, Description, and Action.
- The Trash bin icon can be used to delete the document.
- Click on the 'Save' button to save all the information without submitting the application. The status will be "Not Submitted"
- Click on 'Cancel' if you would like to void the application.
- Click 'Continue to Submit'.





EX-52875 | Mollie Mosley - Application Step 3:

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Exemption Application

Exemption Unit Phone:

(770) 293-5977

Exemption Unit Email:

CCSExemption@decal.ga.gov

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- A. This program has been licensed and holds accreditation.
- B. Documentation of current accreditation and the accreditation visit report are enclosed and will be submitted to the department with the Exemption Application.
- C. Annual documentation to verify the program's continued accreditation must be submitted to the department.
- D. Background checks for directors/employees must be obtained while the exemption is in effect.
- E. Compliance with applicable local, regional, and state health department, state fire marshal, and local fire prevention guidelines/requirements is required while the exemption is in effect.
- F. The department retains jurisdiction over centers granted this exemption to conduct unannounced background check audits and to conduct complaint investigations regarding compliance with background check requirements and compliance with local, regional and state health department, state fire marshal, and local fire prevention guidelines/requirements.
- G. Any center applying for this exemption that is owned and/or under the legal control/direction of the certifying or accrediting entity shall not be approved by the department
- H. Any center applying for this exemption shall adopt and comply with the minimum standards of its certifying or accrediting entity for the operation of the center's program and shall publish these minimum standards and make them available to parents of enrolled or prospective children upon request.
- I. A center granted this exemption shall provide written notice to parents of enrolled children if the center does not carry liability insurance.

Disclaimer/Signature Online

By submitting this application, I

declare that I have the authority to submit this application and enter into this agreement as

or on behalf of the owner of this program. I am responsible for completing this document and I understand and agree to comply with the criteria and conditions specific to each exemption category. The information furnished by me on this application, including any attachments, are true.

> Submit Cancel

This is the last page of the application.

A Disclaimer/ Signature Online is required.

Click on the Submit button.







Update Contact Resources

Exemption Categories

Noah's Rainbow Academy

EX-51587 -

Exemption Unit Phone:

(770) 293-5977

Exemption Unit Email:

CCSExemption@decal.ga.gov

Categori	Categories								
								Add Ne	w Category
	Code	Name	Category #	Status	Receipt Date	Decision Date			
	EX-5	Parent's am/pm out	EXMT-17416	Submitted Online	Jun 16, 2020				
	EX-7	Day camp	EXMT-16415	Approved	Jun 14, 2019	Jul 25, 2019	\ominus	8	Amend



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Exemptions Update Contact Emails

Your exemption application has been submitted successfully. Exemption categories submitted along with this application are currently under review, and cannot be updated until approved.

You can continue to add more exemption categories, that are not submitted along with this application.

Continue



Adding Exemption Categories

- Click on the "Add New Category" button to add a new category. It will take you through the same 3 steps (Step 1: Application, Step 2: Add Categories, and Step 3: Submit)
- The page displays all exemption categories
- The Status will change when a decision is made to the application by the Exemption Unit Specialist, and the decision date will display





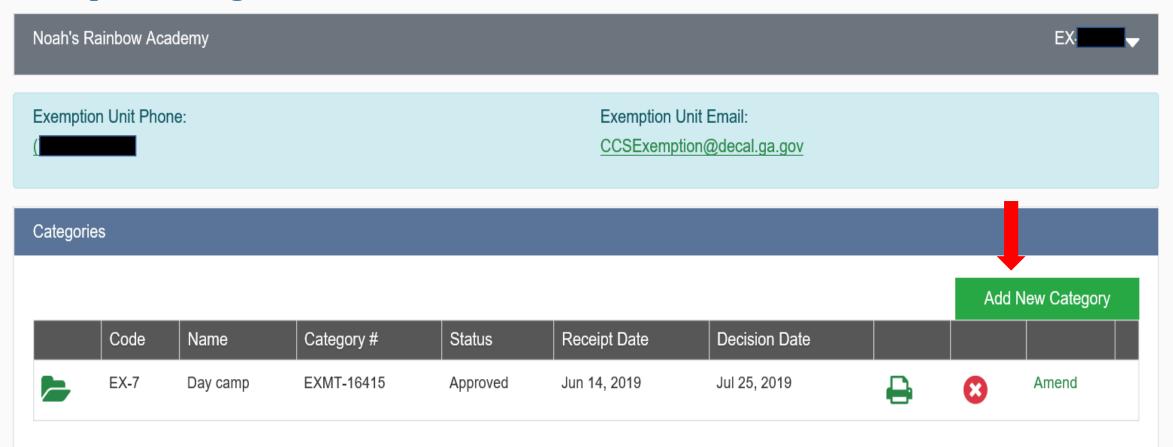






Update Contact Resources

Exemption Categories



Status and Icon Reminders

- After the Exemption Unit Specialist approves the application, the status will change from 'Submitted online', to 'Approved'.
- The Decision date will display.
- You may click on the Printer icon to download disposition letters and the Notice of Exemption Certificate.
- You may click on the Clock icon to close the category.
- You may click on the Plus icon to amend an exemption category (changes in hours, days, months or change in ages of children served).
- You may click on the Folder icon to view the exemption application.

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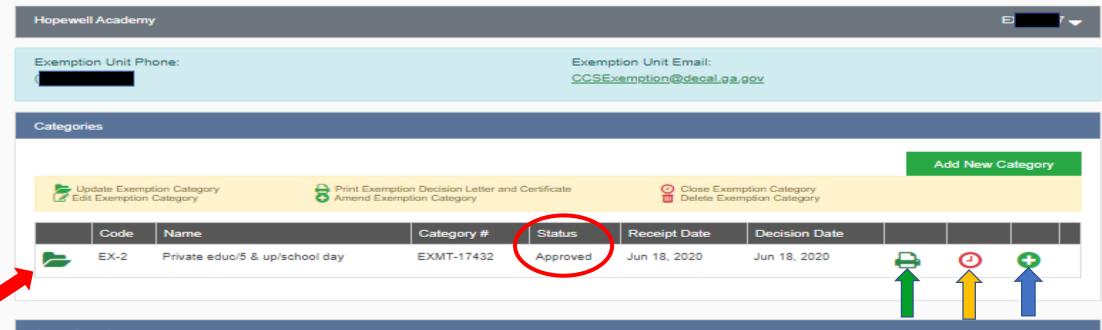






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Exemption Categories



Amendments

To add any of the following amendments, select Amend option for a category in the above section.

- Change in Hours of Operation
- Change in Days of Operation
- · Change in Months of Operation
- Change in Ages of Children Served

Add Program Amendment



Exemption Amendment Application

The screen displays after you click on the Plus icon from the Exemption Categories page.

Select Amendment type:

- Hours of Operation
- Days of Operation
- Months of Operation
- Ages of Children Served

Categories

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Code	Name	Category #	Status	Receipt Date	Decision Date				
EX-7	Day camp	EXMT-16415	Approved	Jun 14, 2019	Jul 25, 2019	\ominus	8	Amend	

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To add any of the following amendments, select **Amend** option for a category in the above section.

- Change in Hours of OperationChange in Days of Operation

- Change in Months of OperationChange in Ages of Children Served

Add Program Amendment

Add New Category

Exemption Amendments

Amendment Type	Received Date	Amendment Status	Effective Date
EX-7 Day camp Hours of Operation	Jun 09, 2020	Approved	Aug 03, 2020



Exemptions Update Contact Emails

Exemption - Amendment

Hopewell Academy

Exemption Unit Phone:

Exemption Unit Email: CCSExemption@decal.ga.gov

Educational program for 5 years and older for customary school day.

Months of Operation

JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC

Days of Operation

MO,TU,WE,TH,FR

Ages Served

5 To 17

Opening Time Closing Time Type Weekday 7:00 AM 7:00 PM Weekend Summer Additional

To add any of the following amendments, go to Categories page and use the Add Program Amend option in Amendments section.

- Program Name Change
- USPS Address Change

Select Amendment Type

- O Hours Of Operation
- O Days Of Operation
- O Months Of Operation
- O Ages Of Children Served

Select one to amend the EX category level

Current Program

Operations

Cancel



Hours of Operation Amendment Example

Add the new hours and effective date to Amendment-Hours of Operation Section.

Click on the 'Upload Documents' button to upload required documents.

Click on the 'Submit' button to send the amendment request.

Click on the 'Cancel' button to cancel the attempted amendment.

JAN,FEB,MAR,APR,MAY,JUN,AUG,SEP,OCT,NOV,DEC Days of Operation MO.TU.WE.TH.FR

Ages Served

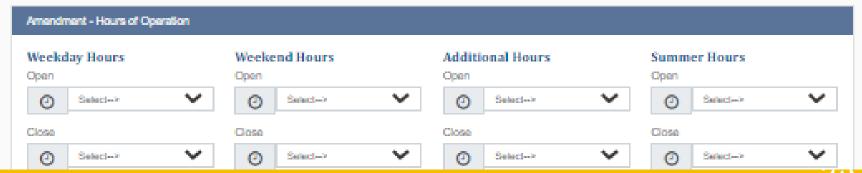
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Weekend		
Summer		
Additional		

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Reminders...

- Access your DECAL KOALA accounts to apply updates such as
 - Email address
 - Telephone Number
 - Director
 - Administrative mailing address
- Disposition letters and a copy of the Notice of Exemption certificate, if applicable, will be attached to an email that is sent to the email address on file.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) can be found on the DECAL KOALA landing page.





Questions

Contact:

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