

Definition:

Personal care homes include any dwelling that provides or arranges housing, food service, and one or more personal services for two or more adults who are not related to the owner or administrator by blood or marriage. (Personal services include but are not limited to individual assistance with and supervision of self-administered medications and essential activities or daily living such as eating, bathing, grooming, dressing, and toileting.)

Exemptions:

- Boarding homes or rooming houses that only provide lodging and meals
- Facilities offering temporary shelter, such as those for the homeless and victims of family violence
- Treatment facilities that provide medical nursing services that are approved by the state and regulated under more specific authorities
- Facilities providing residential services for correctional institutions
- Hospices
- Therapeutic substance abuse treatment facilities
- Group residences organized by or for persons who choose to live independently or who manage their own care and share the cost of services including but not limited to attendant care, transportation, rent, utilities and food preparation
- Charitable organizations providing free shelter and other services
- Any federally-operated personal care home

Type Regulation:

A home must obtain a permit. However, the Georgia Department of Community Health may register personal care homes that care for two or three residents.

Legal Authority

O.C.G.A. § 31-7-3, Permit Required
O.C.G.A. § 31-7-12, Definition of personal care home
O.C.G.A. §§ 31-2-9, 31-7-250, Criminal Records Checks
O.C.G.A. § § 31-2-4 and 31-2-8, Fee and Enforcement Authority,

Rules:

[Rules and Regulations for Personal Care Homes](#), Chapter 111-8-62, effective December 9, 2009,
[Rules and Regulations for General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements](#), Chapter 111-8-25, effective August 3, 2010

Fees:

- Permit: <25 beds \$350, 25≤50 beds \$750, >50 beds \$1500 annually