

Application Form

Registered Childminder Certificate €250
Instalments (€150 + 2 X €50)
(please tick choice)

Title (Mr, Ms):.....

Full Name:.....

Postal Address:

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Telephone:..... Mobile:.....

Email:.....

List all previous relevant qualifications and
enclose copies of awards:

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(use a separate sheet if necessary)

List all relevant childcare experience, including
your own family:

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(use a separate sheet if necessary)

I understand that my first name, home county,
telephone and email may be supplied to candidates on
this course at the same time as myself for the
purposes of networking, discussion and support.

I enclose the appropriate course fee (see above).

Cheque/Postal Order/Bankers Draft made payable to

NCMAI.

Signed..... Date:

Registered Childminder Certificate Course

The aim of this course is to equip the learner with the skills and knowledge required to be a **Professional Childminder** who provides childcare in the minders home.

The Registered Childminder Certificate Course is based on the assumption that the learner may have no prior qualification in the field of childcare. The course explores the complex skills and knowledge needed to care for other people's children in a home from home environment

(it isn't all just common sense!)

We are well aware that most people who come into childminding are already experienced in looking after either their own children, and/or perhaps in working with other people's children in one context or another. But Childminding is a unique 'job', and those 'new' to the job can only benefit from this training.

We believe that Childminders gain increased confidence and awareness in delivering a Professional Family Childcare Service to parents and more knowledgeable, skilled and confident Childminders provide better care for children and form better working relationships and partnerships with parents. Childminders who take a professional approach to the 'job' know that however experienced they are – there is always something new to learn!

Timeframe

This is a distance learning course, and you work through the course at your own pace, from your own home.

With dedicated study, it is possible to complete the entire course in 12 months, however it is open ended, and you determine the amount of study, and therefore the length of time it will take you to complete the course. Each Unit is accompanied by a list of assignments. There is no final exam.

Accreditation

Currently this course does not have recognised accreditation.

Units

There are 9 Units in all, covering all aspects of running a professional Childminding practice. Participants work through the course at their own pace with support from *Childminding Ireland* throughout.

1. Role, Relationships and Responsibility

- Introduction
- Roles and Responsibilities of a Childminder
- Establishing and Maintaining Relevant Relationships

2. Child Development

- Child Development, an Overview
- Social, Physical and Emotional Development
- Intellectual and Cognitive Development
- Language Development
- Adolescence and Puberty

3. Play and Education

- The Importance of Play, 'The Work of Children'
- Behaviour Management

4. Safety, Health, Hygiene and Nutrition

- Safety in the Environment of the Minded Child
- Health and Nutrition for babies and children
- Health and Hygiene in the Environment of the Minded Child

5. Child Welfare and Protection

- Childminder's Contribution to the Protection of the Minded Child
- Protection of Self as a Sole Care Provider

6. Tutorial Session

[One day regional tutorial]

- Individual tuition
- Participant Network and Support

7. Social and Cultural Context

- Racial and Cultural Diversity in Relation/ Relevance to Childminding

8. Communication

- Assertiveness
- Listening Skills
- Body Language
- Negotiating Skills

9. Childminding as a Business

- Why run your service as a business?
- The importance of contracts
- Marketing and filling vacancies
- Accounts and Record Keeping
- Childminders' Tax Relief
- Legislation including Childcare Regulations 2007



The National Childminding Association of Ireland

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Distance Learning Programme 2007

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