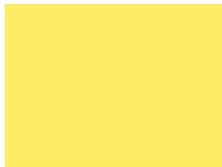
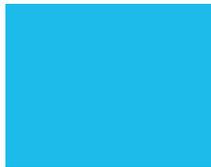
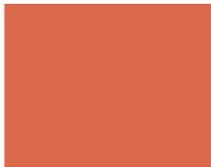




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Booklet for Childminders**

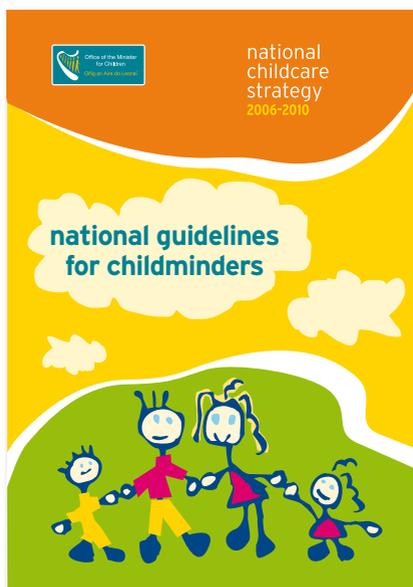


## Training Information Booklet for Childminders

This training information is intended to give you the Childminder an overview of training available for Childminders.

Training numbered 1 to 4 is a requirement of the self evaluation for Childminders from the National Guidelines for Childminders and we encourage all Childminders to attend this training

Other courses listed are of benefit to you working with the pre school children in your Childminding service. These training courses are planned for evenings or weekends to facilitate Childminders. Some of these courses may be subsidised, which keeps costs to a minimum, check with your local Childminder Advisory Officer.





## 1. Quality Awareness Programme/Childminding in the Home Course

This course is an introduction to childminding for potential Childminders or established Childminders working in their own home. It gives an insight into the requirements for a childminding service and includes the criteria laid out in the National guidelines for Childminders.

Topics covered are :

- The role of the Childminder
- Nutrition and healthy eating
- Health and safety in the home
- Play and play activities
- Child protection and awareness issues
- Business side of childminding

**Duration:** 10 hours

**Accreditation:** Certificate of Attendance

*Courses may vary from county to county, please check with your local Childminder Advisory Officer, see page 10 for contact details.*

## 2. Basic First Aid Course with Paediatric CPR training

This course is essential to all Childminders caring for children in their own home. The National guidelines for Childminders recommend Childminders hold a current first aid certificate, which should be updated every 2 years.

- First Aid
- Childhood injury and prevention
- Management of bleeding
- Basic Life support Child/infant
- Choking
- Asthma/epilepsy/meningitis/allergy awareness

**Duration:** 6 nights x 3hr session/ 2 days

**Accreditation:** National Accrediting Body

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### 3. Child Protection Training

This course provides the participant with an overview of 'Children First' the National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children and increases participants' awareness of child protection and highlights the importance of their role in caring for and protecting children in their care. Everyone in contact with children has a responsibility to put children's welfare first.

**Duration:** 4 nights x 2.5 hr sessions

**Accreditation:** Certificate of Attendance

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### 4. Fire Training

Fire training is recommended for Childminders as it is essential that Childminders have training in the evacuation of children in the event of a fire in the Childminding service.

- Fire Training
- Fire Demo
- Risk and Hazards
- Home Protection
- Fire Services Act 1981
- Education Procedures
- Fire Drills
- Call Emergency services
- Extinguisher Training
- Fire Register
- Duties of Fire Wardens
- Evacuation plan for the Childminding service.

**Duration:** 1 evening session x 3 hrs

**Accreditation:** Certificate of Attendance

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## 5. CPR for Family and Friends Programme

The CPR ( Cardio - Pulmonary Resuscitation) for family and friends programme aims to provide participants with a basic orientation to CPR and relief of choking in Adults, children and infants. Participants receive the CPR for family and friends booklet and wallet reminders.

**Duration: 1 evening session x 2hrs**

*Courses may vary from county to county, please check with your local Childminder Advisory Officer, see page 10 for contact details.*

## 6. Food Hygiene

The Environmental Health Department of the Health Service Executive provide the course the Environmental Health Officers' Association Primary Course. This 8 hour course includes video presentations.

The course covers a broad range of subjects,

- including an overview of basic microbiology,
- food contamination,
- food hygiene law,
- personal hygiene,
- cleaning procedures and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (H.A.C.C.P).

These subjects are geared towards enabling food workers to see and understand where problems could arise in the preparation, handling, storage or service of food.

**Duration: 8 hours**

**Accreditation: The Environmental Health Officers Organisation**

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## 7. Manual Handling Awareness programme

The manual handling awareness programme is recommended for workplace practice and is in line with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General





applications) Regulations 1193(S.I NO.44 of 1993).The aim of the manual handling awareness programme is that the participants will

- recognise the importance of safe manual handling
- identify the principles safe manual handling.

**Duration:** 1 evening session x 3hrs

**Accreditation:** Certificate of attendance

*Courses may vary from county to county, please check with your local Childminder Advisory Officer, see page 10 for contact details.*

## **8. Lámh training (Module 1)-Communication Augmentation Sign System LTD**

Lámh is a hand sign system designed for people with intellectual disabilities and communication needs. The signs are used to augment/extend speech/language/ general communication or become a primary method of communication if speech does not develop.

Research shows that appropriate use of such systems accompanied by speech improves communication skills in general and in many cases facilitates the development of spoken language. This programme will teach you 100 Lámh signs and help you develop a Lámh signing environment within your childminding service.

**Duration:** 4 evening sessions x 2.5hrs

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## **9. Pre school menu resource planning**

This workshop aims to provide a practical guide for Pre School Providers to implement the Food and Nutrition Guidelines for Pre- School Services. It will provide information on balanced, nutritious meal ideas that will satisfy a growing child.

**Duration:** 1 evening sessions x 2.5hrs

**Accreditation:** None

*Courses may vary from county to county, please check with your local Childminder Advisory Officer, see page 10 for contact details.*





## 10. Communicating with the Pre school child

This is a specialised training seminar for Childminders in interpersonal skills and communication development.

**Duration:** One day only

**Accreditation:** Certificate of Attendance

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## 11. Start Your Own Business Course

This course covers:

- preparing for enterprise
- market research
- the business plan and operational issues
- promotion and advertising
- book-keeping and taxation
- costing and pricing
- cash management

**Duration:** 10 evenings x 2hrs

**Accreditation:** County Enterprise Board Certificate of Attendance

*Courses may vary from county to county, please check with your local Childminder Advisory Officer, see page 10 for contact details.*

## 12. FETAC Level 5

(Accreditation in Childcare requires the participants to complete 8 modules).

This can be done on a full time or part time basis and is available through your County Childcare Committee and/or local VEC.

### 4 Core Modules:

Caring for Children (0-6yrs)

Working In Childcare

Child Development

Early Childhood Education





## 2 Mandatory Modules:

Work Experience

Communications

## 2 Elective Modules (will vary from course to course)

(Participants should choose two modules from below)

- Art and Craft for Childcare D20121
- Care Provision and Practice D20003
- Legal Studies B20132
- Safety and Health at work D20165
- Social Studies G20031
- Usaid na Gaeilge le Paisti Oga E20121
- Irish for Pre school services E20122
- Occupational first aid D20174
- Childminding Practise L21949

An appropriate module developed/approved by FETAC.

## Special Requirements

Candidates must complete a minimum of four weeks work experience with Children.

For more information, contact your local County Childcare

Committee or visit [www.FETAC.ie](http://www.FETAC.ie)

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## Explanation of Modules

### FETAC Level 5 Childcare Module “Working in Childcare”

This FETAC level 5 module is designed to equip the participant with the personal skills and knowledge required to work in a professional manner with children, parents and colleagues either in the home or a childcare setting. It aims to promote good practise, equality of opportunity and respect for diversity in lifestyles, religion and culture in early years.

Duration: 40-60 hours  
Accreditation: FETAC Level 5

### FETAC Level 5 Childcare Module “Early Childhood Education”

The FETAC level 5 module is designed to enable the participant to investigate the purpose and potential of play activities during children’s development from 0-6 years. It aims to promote good practise, equality of opportunity and respect for diversity in lifestyles, religion and culture in early years care.

Duration: 40-60 hours  
Accreditation: FETAC Level 5

### FETAC Level 5 Childcare Module “Caring for Children (0-6yrs)”

Module is designed to equip the participant with the skills and knowledge to care for children from 0-6 yrs either in the home or as part of a supervised team in a childcare setting. Module aims to promote good practise, equality of opportunity and respect for diversity in lifestyles, religion and culture and the maintenance of a healthy, hygienic and safe environment for children.

Duration: 40-60 hours  
Accreditation: FETAC Level 5

### FETAC Level 5 Childcare Module “Child Development”

Module is designed to provide the participant with an introduction to the theory and practise of child development from 0-6 yrs. The module aims to promote good practise, equality of opportunity and respect for diversity in lifestyles,





religion and culture in early years care.

Duration: 40-60 hours

Accreditation: FETAC Level 5

### **FETAC Level 5 Childcare Module “Childminding Practice”**

This module is designed to equip the participant with the skills and knowledge to care for children in a home setting. The module aims to promote good practice, equality of opportunity and respect for diversity in lifestyles, religion and culture in early years care.

Duration: 40-60 hours

Accreditation: FETAC Level 5

### **FETAC Level 5 Childcare Module “Communication”**

Communication skills are highly valued in the workplace but this module extends beyond vocational needs, recognising that the acquisition of these skills is a life long process, and central to personal, social and professional development and fulfilment.

Duration: 40-60 hours

Accreditation: FETAC Level 5

### **FETAC Level 5 Childcare Module “Work Experience”**

This module is designed to meet the needs of the participants undertaking a wide range of Level 5 further education and training courses. Work Experience is a planned experiential learning activity and is an integral part of the education process. It involves participants’ planning and preparing for work, working under direction in a specific vocational area and reviewing and evaluating that work. The experience of work enables participants to develop work skills, evaluate employment opportunities and cope with changing work environments.

Duration: 40-60 hours

Accreditation: FETAC Level 5



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