

# Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

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## DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025:** May Core Funding Review and Confirm is open from 2<sup>nd</sup> –14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2025:** Access & Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 4, Level 5 and Level 7 standard applications for the 2025/2026 programme year will open on the Early Years Hive.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### May Core Funding Review and Confirm

The Review and Confirm task for May 2025 can now be completed

- R&C with changes
- R&C without changes



Partner Services with an approved May Review and Confirm record can auto-populate their Application Module for the 2025/2026 Programme Year. This will help reduce administration. More information to follow.

### Mandatory questions added to service profile

From May 2<sup>nd</sup> additional questions will be added to the service profile:

#### Facility Details section:

- Two new mandatory questions about wheelchair accessibility will be added. These questions were previously part of the Annual Early Years Sector Profile.

#### Staff Information:

- New mandatory questions are added for each staff type.

- Two job titles will be removed from the 'Out of Ratio' staff type: AIM Level 7 (Assigned to specific children) and Equal Start Resource Allocation. Existing 'Out of Ratio' staff with these job titles will be updated to 'In Ratio Staff.' These need to be reviewed, and all mandatory fields updated. All new questions are mandatory, existing staff information needs to be review and updated.

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## Access & Inclusion Model (AIM)

Access & Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 4, Level 5 and Level 7 standard applications for the 2025/2026 programme year will open on the Early Years Hive on Tuesday 6th May 2025.



### Training

You are invited to attend AIM Programme Readiness Training 2025. The training sessions will be held at 10am and 2.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Please see below the links to register with Microsoft Teams. Please note each session will cover the same training content.

Session 1: Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e1e6b4d4-48cd-492d-a779-3bd9a813615d@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>

Session 2: Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> May from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/37376507-8155-4e9f-927f-21280057ba38@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>

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## ECCE attendance not to be included in NCS claimed hours

The purpose of the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) is to provide financial support for parents towards the cost of their childcare with a service provider.

The hours of care required are agreed between the parent and the service provider. It is important to note that the child should only be registered on NCS for hours that they require and intend to be present in the service. NCS subsidised hours cannot be claimed for hours that the child is in education (i.e. ECCE or school). For ECCE and school-age children, NCS subsidised hours can only be claimed in the following scenarios during term time:



- *childcare used before preschool or school starts in the morning (e.g. a breakfast club)*
- *after-school childcare*

Children may attend for additional hours on school closure days. Confirmation of your compliance with the rules above can be reviewed as part of compliance inspections. Services are therefore advised to have details of school calendars and school opening/closing times on file for school-age children who attend their facility.

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## AIM non- term 2024/2025

Please submit your AIM Non-term 2024/2025 applications for the summer months on the Early Years Hive as soon as possible. AIM non-term applications may take up to 12 weeks to process.



When submitting an AIM Non-term application, we recommend you submit **all dates** in which AIM Non-term support is required over the summer period.

### Change of circumstance

If you have already submitted your AIM Non-term applications and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a 'change of circumstance' review to add the relevant dates. Please note, AIM Non-term reviews may take up to 6 weeks to process.

A guide on how to submit a change of circumstances review can be found [here](#).

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## Pre- Registration Training for Childminders

Kerry County Childcare Committee are offering an online Pre-Registration Training for Childminders. (see details below)

This is a mandatory training programme for childminders who wish to register with Tusla. This training will support you to understand the new childminding regulations and will provide you with all the information required to register with Tusla. This is a FREE training course and takes approx. 7 hours to complete. There is no assessment, and you will be issued a certificate upon completion. There is no expiry date for this training certificate.

To register please contact Amy on [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com)

## PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS

**Information on:**

- Being a childminder
- Understanding new childminding regulations
- Documents required for Tusla registration



# Online

TRAINING DATES

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH 2025  
7PM TO 9PM

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 2025  
9AM TO 1:30PM

THIS TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TUSLA REGISTRATION

For Bookings contact:

Amy on 0877885114  
amy@kerrycountychildcare.com

## Childminders Network Event

Kerry CCC are hosting a Childminding Network meeting on the 14/05/2025. There will be a Guest speaker from Kerry Local Enterprise Office who will provide information on Mentoring and Training and Financial Planning Supports available to Childminders. For bookings please contact [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com)



## Childminding Network Event

Meet other childminders and obtain information on Financial Planning and Mentoring and Training

Kerry Local Enterprise Office will be here on the night to give information on business supports available and training for Childminders

Mentoring & Training

Financial Planning

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025
 Time: 7.30pm

RSVP - AMY **087 7885114**

Location

Kerry County Childcare Committee Office, Tralee

Opportunity to meet other childminders, share information and get ideas.




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## Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page



Have you visited the [Providers Information section](#) on our website? Updates and information are posted regularly.

We invite you to visit our website [here](#) and like and follow our Facebook page [here](#) for lots of updates and relevant information.

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## Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information: [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE & Pre\\_School\\_ManagementInfectiousDisease.pdf](#)

General Covid-19 queries: Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid-19](#)

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**Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and the well-deserved rest! ☀️**

**Kind regards**

**Kerry County Childcare Committee**