

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 30th June - 4th July 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 30th June – 4th July 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

11 July 2025: AIM 2024/2025 closing date (see below for further information)

31 July 2025: QIPP Report Template recommended completion date

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AIM 2024/2025



Ensure all AIM applications including AIM Plus and Non-term are submitted prior to the closure of ECCE 2024/2025 programme call on 11 July 2025. Any applications in 'Draft' or a 'Referred Back' status will be deactivated when the programme call closes.

AIM Plus & Non-term 2025/2026



AIM Level 7 Plus & Non-term applications are available now on the Early Years Hive. Services are reminded to submit any relevant AIM application at least three months prior to a child's planned start date in ECCE. Further guidance and 'how-to' videos are available on the Early Years Hive; [AIM Level 7 - Service Provider Portal](#)

NCS Reminder

NCS subsidies can only be paid once a CHICK has been registered and the parent/guardian has confirmed that all details are correct on the NCS parent portal. Please review any unconfirmed claims for your service and request parental confirmation where necessary.




Tusla Registration Renewal



All services are encouraged to check [Early Years Register](#) or [School Age register](#) or your current Tusla certificate to confirm your registration date. Services are required to complete a registration renewal every 3 years, at least 2 months before the expiry of the current registration date. Tusla will allow registration renewals up to 6 months in advance.


Due to the change in Garda Vetting procedures, the process may take extra time so make sure you apply for updated Garda Vetting in plenty of time. You can access details of the new Garda Vetting procedures [here](#). Further information on the registration renewal process can be accessed on the [Tusla early years registration renewal webpage](#).


Attached please find a useful checklist when preparing for your 2025 registration renewal with Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate. (see below also)





PREPARING FOR YOUR 2025 REGISTRATION RENEWAL WITH TUSLA'S EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

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You must have a complete application submitted **2 months before the expiry** of current registration date.
02.


Registration renewal can be made up to **6 months in advance** of current registration date.
03.


Apply for updated **Garda vetting** in a timely manner. Remember new vetting process may take extra time.
04.


Submit a **Change in Circumstances** application **PRIOR** to registration renewal if any details on register need to be updated.
05.


If your current registration expires your **service will be removed from the register** and a **full and new registration** will be required **90 days** prior to reopening.

Aistear Síolta Practice Guide



The updated and newly designed Aistear Síolta Practice Guide is now available on the Nurturing Skills website; [Aistear Síolta Practice Guide | Nurturing Skills](#). This online resource helps educators to use the two early childhood frameworks, Síolta and Aistear together to develop, reflect on and enhance the quality of their practice with babies, toddlers and young children. It offers practical suggestions, ideas, and examples to guide educators in using the frameworks to inform and enrich children's learning and development.

Please note that the Aistear Síolta Practice Guide is now only accessible through the Nurturing Skills website. To access the Practice Guide, please go to the Resources tab and click on The Aistear Síolta Practice Guide.

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Kind Regards,

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