

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 07th July - 11th July 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 07th July – 11th July 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

7th July 2025	ECCE Pre-registration opened
22nd July 2025	AIM Level 1 applications open
31st July 2025	QIPP Report Template recommended completion date

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ECCE Pre-registration



ECCE Approved Providers can begin to register a child up to 7 weeks in advance of the programme year start date. This year registrations will opened Monday 7 July 2025, you can access further information on how to register children [here](#).

Please note the Pre-Registration Form must be retained for the 2025/2026 programme year for compliance purposes.

AIM Level 1



Applications for existing graduates will open on the 22 July for AIM Level 1.

Guidelines on how to submit an application can be found [here](#).

QIPP Report Template 2024/2025



The deadline for completing the QIPP end of year report is Thursday 31 July 25 on www.cfcrrs.ie.

A guidance video can be found [here](#).

For support please contact Rachel: rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com

Programme Readiness



This year on the HIVE, you will find helpful checklists for each programme outlining programme readiness steps:

- [ECCE Programme Readiness 2025 Checklist](#)
- [NCS Programme Readiness 2025 Checklist](#)
- [CCSP Programme Readiness 2025 Checklist](#)
- [Core Funding Programme Readiness 2025 Checklist](#)
- [AIM Programme Readiness 2025 Checklist](#)

If you require support or have any questions please contact Pamela:

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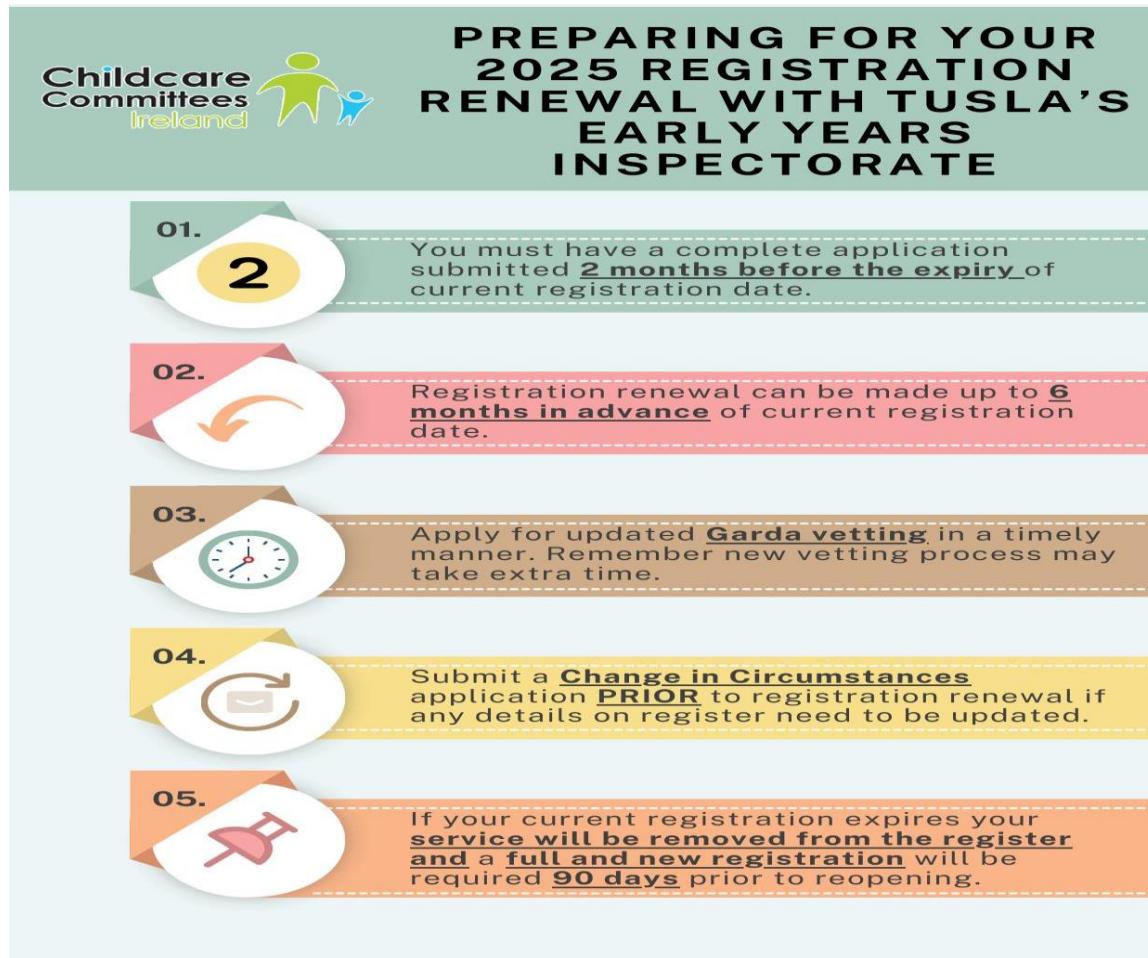
All service providers are encouraged to check the [Early Years register](#) or the [School Age register](#), and to confirm their reregistration date.

Please note the following key points:

- Reregistration can be completed up to 6 months in advance of your expiry date.
- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
- Please be mindful of recent changes to [Garda Vetting Procedures](#) and ensure you have adequate time.

Failure to reregister in time will result in your removal from the register and it is an offence to operate an unregistered service. Additional information on reregistration can be found [here](#).

Please also see the infographic below for useful information on the process or contact Kathryn kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com or Rachel rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com with any queries.



Garda Vetting

Garda National Vetting Bureau (GNBV) Affiliate Registration Number

For Services previously with Barnardos requiring a new GNBV affiliate registration number you can find the steps on applying [here](#).

Garda Vetting timelines to meet European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS) requirement

The Garda National Vetting Bureau have communicated that current processing times are 8 to 10 working days (from when the applicant completes the link). Additional checks are required for anyone who has lived outside of Ireland for more than 6 months which will affect processing times

- Up to 10 additional working days for EU countries
- Up to 20 additional working days for the UK

Police Clearance Certificates are still required.

Nurturing Skills website



The [Nurturing Skills Website](#) is your go-to place for exploring how the Government is supporting your profession, discovering ways to grow your skills, planning your career path, and finding out how to get started in the field.

Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary 2025

The Learner Fund Graduate Bursary and the Learner Fund Childminder Bursary will open for applications on 15 September 2025 and close on 17 October 2025. Additional information can be found [here](#).

This year, changes to eligibility and selection criteria of the Learner Fund Bursary will be introduced to align the scheme rules with those of the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF).

The Learner Fund Bursary amount for 2025 will remain set at €1000 however where the demand for Learner Fund exceeds funding allocations successful applicants will be selected based on the new eligibility and selections criteria.

In view of the success of the pilot NSLF, the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) now intends to wind down the Learner Fund Bursary by 2026.

The rules have been amended to reflect an alignment with the NSLF scheme in relation to the eligibility criteria (and the selection criteria in case of excess demand).

For 2025, the **Learner Fund Graduate Bursary** will be open to early years educators who fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- **have graduated in 2024 or 2025 only;**
- **have graduated with a Qualifications Advisory Board (QAB) approved Early Learning and Care Degree Programme at Level 7 or 8 only.**

If demand for Learner Fund Graduate Bursary Fund exceeds the available allocation in 2025, applicants will be selected based on criteria set out in the rules of the scheme.

For 2025, **the Learner Fund Childminder Bursary** will be open to childminders who fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- **have graduated in 2024 or 2025 only;**
- **have graduated with Level 5, or 6 award on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) or Level 7 or 8 on the Qualifications Advisory Board (QAB) list of approved Early Learning and Care Degree Programmes.**
- **Applicants must currently be a Tusla registered Childminding Service.**

Kerry CCC will process applications for Learner Fund Bursaries for appraisal by the DCDE.

Additional Links:

The list of QAB approved Level 7 and Level 8 courses referred to above can be viewed here: [list-of-approved-programmes-for-adherence-to-the-professional-award-criteria-and-guide.pdf](#).

National Beep Beep Day



National Beep Beep day will take place on Friday 10th October 2025. In early September services will be able to order RSA Beep Beep Day packs through www.rsa.ie.

Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page



[Website Jobs Board](#) – Local Jobs Board for Kerry

If you would like to place an advert on our Jobs Board please email kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com.

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

Kind Regards,

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