

Weekly Bulletin - This Week in Childcare: 6th - 10th October 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 6th - 10th October 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

13 th October 2025	New ERO effective from date
13 th – 19 th October 2025	Application change in the Core Funding Application for Staff Funding Additional Contribution
17 th October 2025	Deadline for the Learner Fund Bursary for Graduates and Childminders.
23 rd October 2025	AIM L1 application deadline to receive payments from employee start date for 25/26 programme.
31 st October 2025	Deadline for 2025/26 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIPP)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New Employment Regulations Order

The new employment regulation order will revoke the 2024 order and will commence on 13th October 2025. Details on the new hourly rates for Early Year Educators and School Age Practitioners can be found [here](#).

For further support please contact Kathryn: kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com



An Roinn Leanaí, Michum agus Comhionannais
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

Staff Funding Additional Contribution

To avail of the Staff Funding Additional Contribution, eligible partner services must submit an Application Change between

10am 13th - 19th October 2025 in order to generate the allocation for this funding.

The Change Effective will be 13/10/2025 in the 'Staff Member and/or Capacity Change Effective Date Field.

Further information can be found on the HIVE under announcements.

For support please contact Pamela: pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com.



National Stakeholder Forum for ESD 2025

The tenth National Forum on Education for Sustainable Development is being held in Maynooth University on Wednesday 29 October. This year's Theme is 'Accelerating Local Level Action' the aim of this forum is to bring relevant stakeholders together to discuss and consider how targeted collaborations and partnerships can be progressed across the education sector to foster and increase local level action.

If you are interested in attending please [register HERE](#) in advance of the event by 12pm Wednesday 15th October 2025.

AIM Level 1 Application Reminder



AIM Level 1 applications for **existing graduates** opened on the Early Years Hive on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025.

New graduates (i.e. graduating in October 2025) can apply when final exam results have been notified by Mary Immaculate College.

The AIM Level 1 application supports the increased ECCE capitation, funded by DCDE in recognition of the leadership and mentoring role which is delivered by the Inclusion Co-ordinator during the 2025/2026 pre-school year.

AIM Level 1 is an annual application process. Applications received by **5pm on Thursday 23 October 2025** will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2025/2026 programme year. AIM Level 1 application guidelines can be found [here](#).

For further support please contact Pamela: pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com.

2025/26 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIPP)

The QIPP template will open on 8th October and remain open until 31 October.

The guidance document and videos can be accessed the [Core Funding – Documents - Service Provider Portal](#)

For further support please contact Rachel: rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com.

Tusla New Resource - Guidance video and leaflet on types of Inspections

Tusla, together with the Department of Education and Youth Inspectorate, have published a new guidance video. The short video and accompanying leaflet provide information on the different types of inspections and other types of work carried out by the Tusla Early Years Inspectorate and Department of Education and Youth (DEY). You can access the video [here](#)



Tusla Updated Regulatory Notice - Use of Nappy Bins

Tusla have updated the regulatory notice relating to the use of nappy bins in Early Years Services.

Click [here](#) to read the full notice.



Pobal Compliance Inspections

On-site compliance inspections for ECCE (including AIM level 1 & Aim level 7), CCSP and Core Funding will commence shortly. Pobal will deliver webinars on 13 & 16 October that cover compliance processes, invitations can be found in the Announcements section of the Early Years Hive. The Pobal Compliance team have uploaded programme compliance support documents which are available under each relevant section [here](#).



2025 Learner Fund Graduates and Childminder Bursary

The Learner Fund Bursary is now open for application.

Completed applications for the 2025 Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary must be received by Kerry County Childcare Committee by **5pm on Friday, 17 October 2025**. Please submit



applications to info@kerrycountychildcare.com or by post to Unit 5 Davcon Business Park, Monavalley, Tralee V92 DA22. Please see attached the application rules & application forms for graduates and childminders. For more information, please visit: [Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary 2025 | Nurturing Skills](#)

Tusla Registration Renewal



All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every 3 years. The registration date can be found on the current Tusla certificate or checked on the [Early Years Register](#) or the [School Age Register](#). Please note the following key points:

- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
- The process requires submission of in-date Garda Vetting for the Registered Provider and the Person in Charge (if different). Current timelines for vetting should be considered.

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 re-registration can be found [here](#).

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,

Kerry County Childcare Committee