

Learner Fund Childminder Bursary – 2024

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) will open the Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders who are registered with Tusla and hold a Level 5 or Level 6 award on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). The local City/County Childcare Committees (CCCs) will process and appraise the Learner Fund Childminder Bursary applications.

1. A service reference number is required. If the applicant does not have a service reference number, they will need to on-board through the Hive system (<https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/>). This process may take time, so applicants are advised to complete as soon as possible.
2. The qualification for which the bursary is paid must be on the DCEDIY Early Years Recognised Qualifications list.
3. The award must be placed at level 5 or Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2015 to 2024 inclusive.
4. The bursary amount will be €1,000.
5. The qualification must be a full, major award; the bursary will not be paid in respect of partially completed awards.
6. The qualification for which the bursary is paid must be that which qualifies the person to work in the early learning and care sector.
7. Applicants may only apply once and cannot be granted the Learner Fund Childminder Bursary for a second time if they have already received it before. This includes applicants that may have received a Learner Fund grant in another round of Learner Fund in previous years where the applicant may have previously worked in a centre-based setting.
8. The applicant cannot have received any public funding in support of their completing the award relating to this application.
9. Applicants must be currently registered with Tusla.
10. Late or incomplete applications; will not be accepted.
11. Decision of the CCC is final and cannot be appealed.

Timeframe for applications:

12 th August	Call for applications open by CCCs
27 th September	All forms must be fully completed and returned (incl. photographic evidence) by email to your local CCC no later than 5pm on Friday 27 th September 2024. Applicants should apply with the name used in the certificate or transcript.
Week of 11 th Nov	CCCs pay approved applicants

Application for Learner Fund Childminder Bursary

Information provided by the applicant will be used only for the purpose it was intended and will be retained by the CCC for financial audit purposes. Names and Email addresses may be shared with other City and County Childcare Committees for the purposes of verification and validation of previous grant support history. Names of applicants and qualification level are disclosed to Pobal for the purposes of administering payments arising from applications. Information may be shared with DCEDIY but will not be stored or retained in any way by DCEDIY. The DCEDIY Data Privacy Statement applies and can be viewed on their website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/68bb14-department-of-children-and-youth-affairs-data-protection/>

Name of Childminding Service:		Service reference number:	
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Name:		Award for which bursary is claimed:	
Phone:		Graduating Year:	
Email:			
Address:			

Beneficiary Pay Details: If approved, the bursary will be transferred to your bank account. In order to facilitate this, please provide the following details.			
Account name:			
Bank Address:			
BIC:		IBAN:	

Please ensure you have attached a copy of your graduating certificate and photographic identification

Declaration: I, _____, declare that:

1. I am currently a Tusla registered Early Learning and Care Childminder.
2. I have not previously received a Learner Fund bursary from this, or any other CCC
3. I have not previously received public funding in support of my completion of this award.
4. I have read and agree with the terms and conditions of the learner fund bursary for Childminders.
5. This is my sole application for the Learner Fund Childminder Bursary and I have not applied for a Learner Fund Childminder Bursary in any other CCC.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Completed applications should be sent marked **Learner Fund Bursary 2024 to:**

Learner Fund Bursary 2024
Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG,
Knock Road,
Castlerea,
Co. Roscommon

Or:

Graduate applications should be emailed to martina.towey@roscommonchildcare.ie
Childminding Applications should be emailed to maria.corrigan@roscommonchildcare.ie

Closing date is close of business at 5 p.m. on Friday 27th September 2024