

You and Your Family

Another child in your home will affect your own family life, so you should involve your family in the decision as to whether you apply for registration as a Childminder. Your family will have to share your home with another child and your children will have to share your time. Any application for registration should take into account their needs.

What Next?

If, after having discussed what is involved in registration with your family and you wish to proceed with an application to become a registered Childminder, return the enclosed return slip to:

**States Early Years Team
Le Rondin School and Centre
Rue des Landes
Forest
Guernsey
GY8 0DP**

Following receipt of the completed slip you will be sent a letter inviting you to the next pre-registration meeting for Childminders.

If you would like to discuss anything further with regard to your application, contact the States Early Years Service telephone 268313

Thinking of becoming a Childminder?

States Early Years Team
www.gov.gg/seyt

You have expressed an interest in caring for people's children in your own home.

The aim of this leaflet is to give you information on how to become registered as a Childminder so you can offer this service to children and parents.

Why Register?

The Child Protection (Guernsey) Law 1972, Part 3 requires that the Health and Social Care Department registers you as a Childminder, when you receive a reward for caring for children in your own home unless any of the following applies:

1. The children you are caring for are over the age of five years.
2. You are caring for children under the age of five years for less than two hours a day.
3. The child you are caring for is a close relative.

If none of the above applies to you and you are planning to care for children below the age of five years for reward, then you must become registered as a Childminder.

It is an offence to care for children under five years of age for a reward without being registered as a Childminder.

There is a charge of £54 to register as a Childminder; this is renewable every 2 years.

Meeting the Requirements for Registration

A number of requirements must be met before registration as a Childminder is possible, for example:

1. The Childminder must be aged over 21 years.
2. The Childminder would need to have previous experience of looking after or working with young children and undergo Childcare training unless already qualified.
3. The standard and safety of your home is assessed and this may result in certain changes to meet safety requirements.
4. It will be necessary to make a number of personal checks on yourself and police checks on all members of your household over the age of sixteen years.
5. You are limited to caring for a maximum of three children under the age of five years and a maximum of six children under the age of eight years, at any one time. This calculation includes your own children.
6. You are limited in the number of babies you can care for at any one time.
7. You are required to attend a pre-registration meeting before your application as Childminder can be accepted.