

Becoming a Registered Childminder

Childminding is a professional career and provides plenty of scope for development if you want it – from working towards nationally recognised qualifications to getting involved with local community projects.

How do I get started in Wales?

In Wales, childminders must be registered with the Care Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (CSSIW) and work to the National Standards for Childminding in Wales.

To become registered in Wales you need to:

1. Go to a childminding pre-registration briefing session. This session tells you all about becoming a childminder.
2. Contact your local National Childminding Association – Janice Harris for advice and support: 01792 324454.
3. Get a copy of the National Minimum Standards for Childminding in Wales and a childminding application pack from the CSSIW Tel: 01443 848527.
4. Complete your free Introducing Childminding Practice course (before registration) and free first aid course (within the first six months of registration).
5. Complete and return part one of the CSSIW application form as well as the police check forms provided for yourself and anyone else in your home aged over 16.
6. Attend an NCMA/Welsh Development Agency mentoring session which will give you information on completing the second part of your CSSIW form and the further training available to you.
7. Fill in the second part of your CSSIW application form and return it.
8. Have a CSSIW home inspection and suitable person interview, based on the National Minimum Standards for Childminding in Wales.
9. Receive your registration certificate and start work as a registered childminder!

You can find out more about becoming registered in Wales by calling Janice Harris, NCMA on: **01792 324454**

