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A childminder looks after children on domestic property, which is not the home of any of the children cared for, for more than two hours in any one day, for reward.

Childminders are registered with Ofsted on either or both of two registers. These are the Early Years Register for Childminders caring for children from birth to the 31st August following their fifth birthday and the Compulsory Register which is comprised of the compulsory and voluntary registers,

What requirements do Childminders have to meet?

You must provide proof of either UK citizenship or the right to work in the country and access public funds.

Complete a basic skills assessment to demonstrate a minimum entry level three standard of literacy and numeracy

To meet the requirements of the Early Years foundation Stage

Why consider Childminding as a career?

Childminding is rewarding and can fit well with family commitments. You will be self employed and running a small business from your own home. You can be flexible with the hours you operate and the ages of children that you care for. Childminders in Leicester city are valued members of the childcare workforce are offered a range of professional development opportunities. Support will be offered throughout your childminding career.

What training/qualifications do Childminders need?

Level 3 award in home based Childcare

A current Paediatric First Aid certificate

Current Child Protection training

CIEH Level 2 award in Food Safety in catering training



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Is there a cost in becoming a Childminder?

Ofsted charge a registration fee to process your application, there will also be a charge from your GP for completing a health declaration on your behalf. A childminding business will have ongoing costs such as public liability insurance, business use car insurance and continuing registration fees etc.



**What do I do now if I want to become a
Childminder in Leicester City?**

[Complete our enquiry form online](#)

requesting more information to the Childcare
Registration and Advice Officers,

If you require information regarding family
services please ring the Family Information
Service on 0116 454 1100 or email:
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