

Childminding Business Sustainability Fund Application Form Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for a grant from the Childminding Business Sustainability Fund?

Grants will be available for all childminders registered with the Care Inspectorate. You must have been registered on 1 February 2021 to apply.

There is more than one childminder working at my service – can we both/all apply?

The £750 grant payment is for the registered service, **not** the individual childminder. Only one application for each registered service should be made, where two childminders operate on one registration only one application is possible.

Grant awards are based on individual Care Inspectorate registration numbers (CS number). Each childminding service claiming a grant must have a separate service number.

My service is closed just now and I am not caring for any children, can I still apply?

Yes. All childminding services registered with the Care Inspectorate can apply for a grant.

I am only open to deliver childcare to key worker and vulnerable children at the moment, can I still apply?

Yes. All childminding services registered with the Care Inspectorate can apply for a grant.

My service is currently classed as inactive with Care Inspectorate, can I apply?

Yes, all childminders registered with the Care Inspectorate on 1 February 2021 can apply.

I am a part-time childminder, can I still apply and will my award be pro-rata?

Yes, full-time and part-time childminders registered with Care Inspectorate can apply, all will receive £750 payment, there is no pro-rata adjustment for part-time childminders.

I am a childminder registered to care for 12 or more children, can I apply?

Yes. Childminders caring for 12 or more children are eligible for the Childminding Business Sustainability Fund and can apply.

Larger childminding settings (registered for 12+ children) can apply for this fund and for the Temporary Restrictions Fund which takes account of the restrictions such services are currently operating under. Round 2 opened on 5 March and closes on 1 April.

I don't have a business bank account, can I still apply?

Yes. You are not required to have a business bank account. Funds can be paid to the account you nominate in your application.

I previously applied for the Childminding Workforce Support Fund, can I still apply?

Yes.

I have previously applied for other sources of Government Support, can I still apply?

Yes.

Am I required to provide any additional information/evidence of need?

No. You only need to complete the application form. Please do this accurately. No further information is required.

Will I receive a confirmation email to know that my application has been submitted?

Yes. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been submitted successfully. Please check your junk or spam folder if this does not arrive.

Will I receive any further emails in relation to my application?

Yes. A further email will follow after the fund has closed, either to:

- Confirm the application has been successfully validated against Care Inspectorate records, or
- To state that the information in the application couldn't be validated. If this is the case you will be asked to double check all eligibility criteria is met and once you are sure you will be asked to email to reconfirm your details.

How is my application verified?

All applications will be validated against Care Inspectorate records for accuracy and processed following the closure of the application window.

When will I receive payment?

We aim to make payment with 14 working days of the fund closing.

