



Qualifications Guide to Early Years Sector

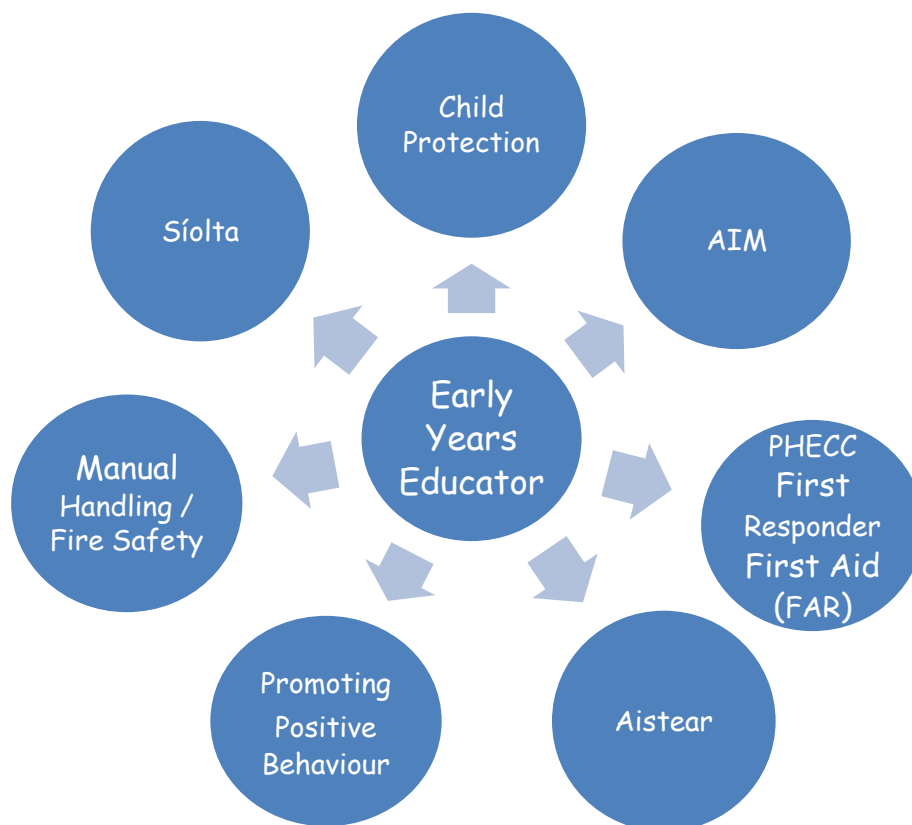
In the case of pre-school services registered with the Child and Family Agency Tusla, pre-school leaders must hold a certification for a major award in childcare/early education at a minimum of level 6 on the NFQ, and all staff working with children in the service must hold a certification for a major award in childcare/early education at a minimum of level 5 on the NFQ.

The content of all relevant major awards must include significant content on Child Development 0 - 6, Early Childhood Curriculum and Child Health and Welfare. The course must also have included Supervised Practice in an Early Childhood Care and Education setting.

The National Framework of Qualifications is a system of ten levels, each of which has nationally agreed standards setting out what you are expected to know, understand and be able to do following successful completion of a programme.

The Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA) provide yearly funding initiatives (Learner Fund Bursary) to support the development of the capacity of the sector. Information of this grant aid is available from the Westmeath County Childcare Committee.

Continuous Professional Development Provided by Westmeath County Childcare Committee:



To avail of these supports please contact: Tel: 044 93 35454

www.westmeathchildcare.ie

Career Opportunities

FETAC/QQI Level 5

- Early Years Educator Room Assistant
- Childminder
- Special Needs Assistant
- Early Years Educator AIM Assistant

FETAC/QQI Level 6

- Early Years Educator Room Assistant
- Early Years Educator AIM Assistant
- Early Years Educator Room Leader (Lower Capitation)

AMI Montessori Diploma

- Early Years Educator Room Assistant
- Early Years Educator Room Leader (Higher Capitation)

BA(Ordinary) Degree QQI Level 7

- Early Years Educator Room Leader (Higher Capitation)
- Early Years Supervisor
- Manager
- Play Specialist
- Play Therapist

BA (Hons) Degree QQI Level 8

- Early Years Educator Room Leader
- Early Years Supervisor
- Manager
- Tutor/Lecturer
- Better Start Early Years Specialists
- Support & Development Officer
- Play Specialist
- Play Therapist

Level 9 Masters Degree/Post Graduate Diploma

- Early Years Specialist
- Support & Development Officer
- Tutor/Lecturer

Level 10 Doctoral Degree

- National Advisor
- Early Years Specialist

For more information see:

<http://www.qqi.ie>

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) has published a list of qualifications that meet the regulatory requirements for working in the Early Years sector in Ireland. The list can be viewed on:

<https://www.dcy.gov.ie/viewdoc.asp?fn=/documents/childcare/qualifications.htm>

Training Bodies

Institutes of Technology

- Athlone
- Blanchardstown
- Carlow
- Cork
- Dublin
- Dundalk
- Galway/Mayo
- Letterkenny
- Limerick
- Sligo
- Tallaght
- Tralee
- Waterford

Universities

- Galway
- Maynooth
- Open University
- Cork
- Dublin

Colleges

- St Patricks Drumcondra
- St Nicholas Montessori
- AMI
- Carlow
- Church of Ireland college of Education & Trinity
- Dublin college of Catering
- Hibernia
- Irish college of Humanities & Applied Sciences
- Killester College of Further Education
- Liberties Limerick
- Mary Immaculate
- National College of Ireland
- Froebel
- Portobello
- College of Progressive Education
- Our Lady of Mercy College of Education

Westmeath Training Providers

- Moate Business College
- Midland School of Childcare
- Womens Community Projects
- Forus Training
- Mullingar Community College
- Longford/Westmeath Training & Education Board
- Chevron Training (online)