

First Aid Responder (FAR) Reimbursement Fund 2019

Registered Early Learning and Care Services and Registered Childminders

Under the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016, a new regulatory requirement will come into force from June 1st, 2020. From this date under Regulation 25, there must be a person(s) who has trained in FAR (First Aid Response) with a trainer approved by the Pre- Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) immediately available to children attending the service.

To support the sector to meet this requirement services can claim back the cost of one staff member attending this training.

The training: This 3-day/18 hr course will equip the First Aid Responder with the necessary practical skills, knowledge and confidence to give effective life support, diagnose and treat injuries or illness, and maintain care and comfort of a patient who has become suddenly ill or injured in the workplace or elsewhere until the arrival of emergency medical services.

Services can claim back the cost of one person attending FAR (either full or refresher) on behalf of your service. To do this is easy; you must submit the attached application form with a copy of the FAR certificate and a receipt for the cost of the course. **The maximum you can claim is €225 per full course and €175 per refresher course.**

CCCs will be processing the payments quarterly; the payment schedule is as follows:

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Application closing date (for payment in that quarter)	14 th June 2019	13 th September 2019	19 th November 2019	13 th March 2020
Payment dates	28 th June 2019	27 th September 2019	13 th December 2019	27 th March 2020

To apply for the FAR Reimbursement fund, a registered service/ registered childminder must:

- Have himself /herself or an employee who has completed, either the full 18 hours FAR course or the 12 hours Refresher FAR course since January 1st, 2019.
- Have paid for the employee / registered childminder to participate in the training.
- Must submit:
 - A hard copy of the application form
 - Copy of the receipt for training
 - Copy of the PHECC accredited FAR certificate.

To book a course please call a registered FAR trainer. Registration can be checked on www.phecit.ie or you can choose a trainer from the list attached.

To make a claim for reimbursement please use the attached application form and return to elizabeth@southdublinchildcare.ie



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