

You can get into this job through:

- registering with a Childminder Agency
- registering with Ofsted
- Local council introduction to childminding briefings

Average salary

£17,264 - Starter

£35,000 - Experienced

Typical working hours each week

35-45

You could work evenings

Childminder

You will need:

- a basic skills test to show that you have the minimum standard of English and maths needed to support the educational development of children in your care.
- to pass an assessment of your home and any equipment you will use.

You can do:

- a home-based childcare course that covers the Early Years Foundation Stage framework
- a paediatric first aid course
- child protection training
- a food safety qualification

Skills and knowledge. You'll need:

- sensitivity and understanding
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to work well with others
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- excellent verbal communication skills
- customer service skills
- the ability to understand people's reactions
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Day-to-day tasks. In this role you could:

- provide inspirational learning activities
- offer free play activities, both indoors and outside
- plan, prepare and serve meals
- change nappies and make up bottles for babies
- take children on outings
- take older children to and from playgroup or school
- work with other local childcare professionals to support children's learning and development

Childminders care for babies, toddlers and children in their own home, supporting their learning and development.

Career Tips and Progression

- With experience you could expand your business and take on a childcare assistant.
- You could also become a network co-ordinator, supporting other local childminders.
- With further training you could become a tutor on childminding courses.
- You could also move into a related job like nursery worker, playworker, community play leader or teaching assistant

Further Information

- You can discover more about how to become a registered childminder here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-registration-briefing-for-those-wishing-to-become-childminders>