

STILL INTERESTED?

Before going any further, consider the following:

- Do you enjoy looking after children?
- How will your own family adapt to the changes to their normal routine?
- Can you respect a child's individuality regardless of race, religion, ability or family status?
- Do you understand the emotional, social and intellectual needs of children?
- Can you create a warm, safe and loving environment in your home for a child in your care?
- Can you provide children with stability, routine and individual attention?
- Can you provide a good standard of hygiene and a nutritious diet?
- Are you physically and emotionally able to meet the needs of the young children that you will be caring for?
- Do you have the basic skills to maintain adequate records and run your own business?
- Are you able to work in partnership with parents?

**NEED MORE INFORMATION OR
WISH TO APPLY TO BECOME A
REGISTERED CHILDMINDER?**

You can contact us at:

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**BRITISH FORCES
BECOMING A REGISTERED
CHILDMINDER IN BFC**

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WHAT DOES A REGISTERED CHILDMINDER DO?

As a registered childminder, you will provide flexible childcare for one or more children under the age of eight, for more than two hours a day, in your own home for reward.



Childminders offer professional home-from-home childcare and early education, looking after small groups of children of different ages and from different families.



Childminders are perfectly placed to support the early learning and development for children of all ages, working closely with parents to provide bespoke childcare. Childminders need to comply with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

If the opportunity of a career change or the prospect of running your own business in your own home appeals to you then childminding could be exactly what you're looking for.



BFSWS will support you through the application process and help arrange your training. We aim to complete application to registration in 12 weeks. Steps can be taken concurrently; you do not need to wait for one step to be complete before you start the next.

STEPS TO BECOMING A REGISTERED CHILDMINDER

- Contact contactuscypus@forcessocialwork.com for advice about your application and training
- Undergo Advanced DBS checks for all over 16s at the household address
- You may need an MOD Police check and you will need a Cyprus Police check if you have been on the island for 6 months or more
- Complete a Health Check with your GP
- Complete all relevant training prior to a registration visit*
- You may also need to complete a level 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home Based Childcare
- Obtain Public Liability Insurance
- Apply for a Business Licence (via your local Housing/Community Support Office)
- Prepare your home-based childcare setting
- Complete a pre-registration visit
- You will have an initial visit to advise on the space and numbers of children that you can care for.

*MANDATORY TRAINING CONSISTS OF:

- Full Paediatric First Aid
- Food Hygiene
- Safeguarding Level 2
- Fire Safety