

First Aid Responder (FAR) Reimbursement Fund 2019

Dear Providers,

As you are aware a new regulatory requirement will come into force from June 1st, 2020 where by one person per registered service / registered childminder will need to hold a FAR (First Aid Response) qualification.

The DCYA has opened a FAR Reimbursement Fund which will fund one (FAR) First Aid Training place per registered early learning & care services/Registered Childminders to a maximum of €225 per full course or €175 per refresher course.

Training:- to book a course please call a FAR trainer from the list of accredited instructors attached.
To **make a claim** for reimbursement please use the attached application form.

First Aid Responder (FAR) 3 days training

- On completion of this 3-day/18 hr course, the First Aid Responder will be equipped 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.

Refresher 2 days training

- Any qualified First Aider that needs to be re-certified within the 2 year period as per PHECC guidelines. First Aid Refresher training courses are essential every two years for certified First Aiders to keep up with developments in First Aid practice, and to refresh skills that may be only intermittently used.

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 an employee who has completed or have themselves 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, along with a copy of the receipt for training and a copy of the PHECC accredited FAR certificate.

Please contact our office or email clerical@louthchildcare.ie if any further information is required.

Co Louth FAR Trainers Database:- Please click below link:-

<https://www.louthchildcare.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FAR-Approved-Trainers-Database-1.pdf>

Application Form:- Please click below link:-

<https://www.louthchildcare.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FAR-Reimbursement-Application-Form.pdf>