



Childminding in Cyprus

Employment opportunities within the Sovereign Base Areas (SBAs) can be limited but there is a way to equip yourself with a necessary employment skill and particularly one that is portable: childminding.

AFF suggests that if you know you are coming to Cyprus and would like to qualify as a childminder, you may find it beneficial to start the process whilst still in the UK. Here's how to do it:

- STEP ONE:** Go to a Childminding Pre-registration Briefing Session.
- For information on your local Children's Information Service contact www.childcarelink.gov.uk or call ChildcareLink on 0800 096 0296.
- STEP TWO:** Complete the OFSTED Childminding Application Pack which you will receive at the Briefing Session & return to your OFSTED Regional Centre.
- STEP THREE:** Use OFSTED instructions to apply to the Criminal Records Bureau for a police check for yourself and anyone else in your home **aged over 16**.
- Have an OFSTED home inspection and suitable person interview.
- STEP FOUR:** Complete an Introductory Childminding Training Course and first aid course - this must be done within **6 months of starting childminding** - if unable to complete before leaving the UK, the SSAFA Forces Help Children's Resource Worker co-ordinates training for childminders and will link you with the necessary training.
- STEP FIVE:** Pay the Registration Fee.
- STEP SIX:** Receive your Certificate - now you are ready to begin working as a registered childminder.

(OFSTED states that it aims to have the process of registration completed within 3 months.)

ON ARRIVAL IN CYPRUS - *If you have already completed the above six steps in the UK*

- STEP ONE:** Apply to SSAFA for a persons and premises check
- STEP TWO:** Once approved apply for a Business Licence from the SSO and pay the registration fee - you are ready to begin working as a registered childminder in Cyprus.

REMEMBER when you depart Cyprus, upon arrival at your new address you should follow steps for re-registration either with OFSTED or, if again overseas, through the HCSO and SSAFA.

You do not need to register if:

1. You look after children in their own home, or;

2. If you care for children who are 8 years and over

Useful contact details:

Children's Resource Worker	(00 357) 99 029701
National Childminding Association	0800 169 4486 www.ncma.org.uk
OFSTED	0845 601 4771 www.ofsted.gov.uk
Childcare Link	0800 096 0296 www.childcarelink.gov.uk
AFF Cyprus	00357 2596 2110 www.aff.org.uk
SSAFA Forces Help in Cyprus	00357 2596 3900