

## Learner Fund Bursary Autumn 2017

The Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA) will re-open the Learner Fund Bursary (announced early 2017) for applications from recent graduates, or those who missed the first round of funding. All applications must be made through your local County / City Childcare Committee

### **To be considered eligible for the Learner Fund Bursary, an applicant must:**

1. Have graduated with a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 7/8/9 on the National Framework of Qualifications in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017;
2. Have a Qualification which is on DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications list
3. Have been working in a registered Early Years Service for two years prior to beginning their course;
4. Be currently working in a registered Early Years Service;
5. Have a copy of their graduating certificate to submit with the application form
6. Submit a completed application form (and a copy of the qualification certificate) to their local CCC no later than 5 pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### **In addition:**

7. The applicant cannot have received the Learner Fund bursary previously;
8. The applicant cannot have received any public funding in support of their completing the award relating to this application;
9. The bursary cannot be paid for post-graduate study unless the post-graduate award is specifically in Early Childhood Care and Education and on the DCYA published list.

### **Timeframe for applications:**

16 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Call for applications open by CCCs
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Deadline for applications – close at 5 p.m.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The DCYA will make the decision on funding and all decisions are final.

**Application for Learner Fund Bursary**

<b>Current Early Years service:</b>		<b>DCYA reference number :</b>	
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<b>Name:</b>		<b>Award for which bursary is claimed:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>			

<b>Beneficiary Pay Details:</b> If approved, the bursary will be transferred to your bank account. In order to facilitate this, please provide the following details.			
<b>Account name:</b>			
<b>BIC:</b>		<b>IBAN:</b>	

**Please ensure you have attached a copy of your graduating certificate and photographic identification**

**Declaration:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that:

1. I was working in a registered Early Years service at the point when I began the above course
2. I am currently working in a registered Early Years service.
3. I have not previously received public funding in support of my completion of this award.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All forms must be fully completed and returned BY POST OR BY HAND to your local CCC no later than 5PM on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. Late applications will not be accepted. Incomplete application forms will not be accepted. All required documents must be attached to the application form.**