

Support Levels for AIM Level 7

This document explains what the Support Levels for AIM Level 7 mean and what service providers need to do based on common scenarios.

Support Levels

1. Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

The child needs individual support during the ECCE programme, and shared support for any additional hours availed of under NCS.



2. Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

The child needs shared support (up to a maximum of three children) during both the ECCE programme and any hours availed of under NCS.



 **3. Not approved** A status of not approved means no AIM Level 7 support has been awarded.

What you need to do?

AIM Level 4 application

Submit an AIM Level 4 application in partnership with child's parents/legal guardian/carers



AIM Level 7 support level

View the AIM L7 Support Level (Confirmed) column on AIM Level 4 application



AIM Level 7 application

Submit the redesigned AIM Level 7 application once available



Support Levels awarded Examples



All Support Levels awarded are directly linked to and determined by ECCE registration details and apply to any hours availed of under NCS.

One

Where all five children attend ECCE in the morning, three AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded for ECCE

Where all five children are attending an NCS session, two AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded.

Child one: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child two: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child three: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child four: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child five: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Two

Child one: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child two: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child three: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Where all three children attend ECCE in the afternoon, one AIM Level 7 additional staff member has been awarded for ECCE.

Where at least one child is attending the NCS, they would get the same support.

Support Levels awarded Examples



All Support Levels awarded are directly linked to and determined by ECCE registration details and apply to any hours availed of under NCS.

Three

Where child one attends ECCE in the morning, and child two and child three attend ECCE in the afternoon, two AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded for ECCE and two for NCS.

Child one: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child two: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child three: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Four

Child one: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child two: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child three: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child four: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child five: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child six: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Where all six children attend ECCE in the morning, four AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded for ECCE and two for NCS.

Support Levels awarded Examples



All Support Levels awarded are directly linked to and determined by ECCE registration details and apply to any hours availed of under NCS.

Five

Children 1-3 attend ECCE in the morning, and children 4-6 attend ECCE in the afternoon.

Three AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded for ECCE in the morning and one for NCS afternoon wraparound, and one AIM Level 7 additional staff member has been awarded for ECCE afternoon and one for NCS.

Child one: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child two: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child three: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child four: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child five: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child six: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child one: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child one has been awarded Shared ECCE/Shared NCS support but is currently the only child availing of AIM support within the service.

However, if another child or children join and are deemed eligible for AIM support, the support may be shared accordingly.

Six

Support Levels awarded Examples



All Support Levels awarded are directly linked to and determined by ECCE registration details and apply to any hours availed of under NCS.

Seven

Where both children attend ECCE in the morning, two AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded for ECCE and one for NCS.

Child one: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child two: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Eight: Sessional service

Child one: Individual ECCE / Shared NCS

Child two: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Child three: Shared ECCE / Shared NCS

Where all children attend ECCE in the morning, a minimum of two AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded.

If the child avails of hours beyond ECCE in the future, shared support has already been determined for those hours.

Descending hours Examples

All Support Levels are awarded within programme limits i.e. capped at 15 hours per week or 30 hours per week. The descending hours rule only applies if the registered hours are less than the hours the programme is capped at.

One

Where all four children attend ECCE in the afternoon, two AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded, one for 15 hours and the other for 12 hours.



Child	Support Level awarded	ECCE hours
One	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	15
Two	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	6
Three	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	9
Four	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	12

Two



Child	Support Level awarded	ECCE hours
One	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	6
Two	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	12
Three	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	9

Where child one attends ECCE in the morning, one AIM Level 7 additional staff member has been awarded for 6 hours.

Where child two and child three attend ECCE in the afternoon, one AIM Level 7 additional staff member has been awarded for 12 hours.

Descending hours Examples

All Support Levels are awarded within programme limits i.e. capped at 15 hours per week or 30 hours per week. The descending hours rule only applies if the registered hours are less than the hours the programme is capped at.

Three

One AIM Level 7 additional staff member has been awarded for NCS for 30 hours during non-term time.



Child	Support Level awarded	ECCE hours
One	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	30
Two	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	35
Three	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	33

Four



Child	Support Level awarded	ECCE hours
One	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	15
Two	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	15
Three	Shared ECCE / Shared NCS	9
Four	Individual ECCE / Shared NCS	11
Five	Individual ECCE / Shared NCS	15

Three AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded for ECCE morning, two for 15 hours and one for 11 hours.

Two AIM Level 7 additional staff members have been awarded both for 15 hours for NCS, in term time.

Support Levels for AIM Level 7



Resources

Continue to check the announcements page of the Early Years Hive over the coming weeks for more updates.

You can find guide documents and how-to videos in Resources > Help & Support on the Early Years Hive.



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