

Preparing to Work in Home-Based Childcare course (England)

The HBCA course is made up of two units with three work plans linked to the e-platform learning resources and webinars. All learners complete Unit 1 and then choose whether to do Unit 2 if aiming to be a childminder, or Unit 3 if aiming to become a nanny. In order to give you the best start to your research and childminding career, your course will include three months' free PACEY student membership as well as the support of your expert assessor.

Unit one provides learners with the knowledge required to work with children in a home-based setting. Topics include:

Children's learning and development, including why play is so vital to children's development, and how to promote it

Regulations and rules about home based childcare, including the legislation you have to know about

Safeguarding, child protection and health and safety in a home-based childcare environment

How to promote equality, diversity and inclusion in your setting

Day to day care routines for children

Working in partnership with parents and other professionals

The role of observation has in planning and helping children learn

Unit two of the course will help you to set up a home based childcare business. It covers:

Leading and managing a home-based childcare setting

Creating a business plan for successful business development

Managing your finances, including taxes

Registration requirements

Unit three explores the role of the nanny. Areas covered are:

Understanding partnership working for the nanny

Expectations required in the role of the nanny

Understanding the role of advisory, guidance and support services for the nanny

How to plan steps to become a nanny

Free added benefits

When you study the HBCA course with The Childcare Company, you'll get three months' free PACEY membership. This means that as well as access to a host of member benefits, you'll have all the support you need. This includes not only to access the materials that will help you complete your HBCA course, but that will help you to set up your childminding business as well.

Please note:

The HBCA is an e-learning course completed online so you will need access to a computer, and some basic skills, to complete the course. It is designed to be flexible and to allow you to combine a qualification whilst balancing work commitments and family life. You can view your training on or off line on an Apple or Android handheld device (phone or tablet) but you will need access to a PC or laptop in order to upload your written assignments to the e-learning platform.