STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

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I, RODERIC O'GORMAN, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 58B (inserted by section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013 (No. 40 of 2013)) (as adapted by the Housing, Planning and Local Government (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 408 of 2020) and by the Education and Skills (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. 450 of 2020)) of the Child Care Act 1991 (No. 17 of 1991), after consultation with the Minister for Education and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, hereby make the following regulations:

Title and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1 September 2023.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:

“Principal Regulations” means the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 221 of 2016) as amended by the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 632 of 2016), the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 401 of 2021) and the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 195 of 2022).

Amendment of Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations

3. Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations is amended –

(a) in paragraph (4), by substitution of “, (6B) and (6C)” for “and (6B)”.

(b) By inserting after paragraph (6B) the following paragraph:

“(6C) Furthermore, paragraph (4) shall not apply before 1 September 2026 to a childminder who-

(a) was previously exempted under paragraph (6B) and

(b) is in possession of a letter from the Minister confirming that paragraph (4) shall not apply to him or her before that date.

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RODERIC O’GORMAN,
Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.