

*These notes refer to the Care Standards Act 2000  
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 20 July 2000*

# CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part Vi – Child Minding and Day Care for Young Children**

##### *Section 79 Amendment of the Children Act 1989*

##### **Introductory**

##### Section 79A Child minders and day care providers

190. This section defines the child care providers covered by Part XA. A child minder is defined as a person who is paid (by any form of payment, including payment in kind) to look after a child or children under the age of eight on domestic premises. However, nannies who come into the parents' home are excluded from this definition, except where they look after the children of more than two families. Day care is defined as that provided for children aged under eight in places other than domestic premises. For example, care provided in nurseries, crèches, playgroups *etc.* This section also expands on the definition used in Part X of the Children Act to clarify that "day care" covers care provided at any time of the day or night.
191. In addition, this section applies Part XA only to those providing day care or child minding for more than two hours a day. However, a child minder who works only between 6 pm and 2 am is not required to register under Part XA. This is to prevent certain informal babysitting arrangements from being caught by Part XA.