

OFSTED

If your nanny is registered with OFSTED you may be eligible for childcare vouchers or tax credits.

OFSTED charges a yearly fee of £100 for registration to the scheme. There may also be additional charges for:

- first aid certificate approx £150
- common core skills training approx £175
- nanny insurance £60-90

What if the nanny I want is not OFSTED registered?

Voluntary registration with OFSTED is a relatively new scheme and many nannies are not currently registered. If you find a nanny who is not OFSTED registered they will have to go through the registration process.

The registration process

Most candidates are required to complete common core skills training, even if they already have a childcare qualification. This is because the common core skills training includes some modules not found in childcare courses, including (for example) multi agency working. They can either book into a CCS course or they may be able to do the course via correspondence through MNT .

They also have to hold an accepted paediatric first aid certificate and nanny insurance.

Once the nanny has all of this information they can register on the scheme, pay, and the CRB will be applied for.

OFSTED registration is not particularly time consuming however it can take around 2 months to gather the required documents and for OFSTED to process the application and CRB.

For many parents it is still worth the time and cost in savings.

Who should pay for OFSTED registration?

OFSTED registration is meant to enhance a nannies qualifications and professional standing so for this reason registration benefits the nanny as well as the parent. We recommend if you want to register your nanny with OFSTED that splitting the cost is a fair way to proceed. Any dedicated nanny should absorb the cost of a first aid certificate and nanny insurance if they do not already hold these, and the registration cost and CCS training could be covered by the family.