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| **Date of Application** |  |

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| **CCC** | **Service Name** | **Service Reference No.** | **Service Type**  **(Community/Private)** |
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| **Exemption Sought Under** | **Tick Relevant Box** |
| 1. Approved providers who have a daily enrolment of at least 8 children, but for good reason, only 3 or more are in the ECCE programme and the remainder are between the ages of 2 years 6 months and 6 years; |  |
| 1. Smaller services which are considered appropriate settings for delivery of the pre-school programme, but for good reason, have a daily enrolment of not fewer than 5 ECCE eligible children in pre-school room sessions; |  |
| 1. A service that has a full ECCE room **and** has additional children eligible for ECCE in another room that is delivering the ECCE pre-school programme to a daily enrolment of not fewer than 5 children between 2years 8 months and 6 years – subject to the requirement that ECCE staff qualification criteria are met; |  |
| 1. Tusla-registered childminders with a daily enrolment of 5 children between the ages of 2 years 8 months and 6 years; |  |
| 1. A Service has a minimum of 4 children in a childcare service, who are all eligible for the ECCE programme and is based in an area where no other ECCE provision is available to parents. |  |
| 1. A service needs to adjust numbers due to Covid-19 Pod requirements. |  |

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| There is a need for childcare in the area | Yes/No |
| The exempted session has an appropriately qualified Room Leader and Preschool Assistant (where relevant) | Yes/No |
| The Children in the session are within the relevant age-range  Please provide the number of children and their dates of birth | Yes/No |
| Daily attendance levels in the session will satisfy the criteria under the option selected above (with the exception of illness, etc.) | Yes/No |
| Appropriate curriculum in place (routines and schedules are appropriate to the children’s  needs) | Yes/No |
| Appropriate environment (developmentally appropriate materials and resources are available for ECCE children) | Yes/No |

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of childcare service) I wish to apply for a minimum exemption for the programme year 2021/2022.

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(Signature of Primary Authorised User)

**Please return this form to your local City/County Childcare Committee**

For CCC use only:

I have reviewed this application and would recommend the granting of a Minimum Exemption for the programme year 2021/2022.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CCC\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Upon receipt of the stamped form from your local CCC, please raise a new request on the HIVE (ECCE Minimum Exemption) and upload your document.