

# Childcare Approval Scheme

On 6 April 2005 a new Childcare Approval Scheme was introduced to provide recognised national status for individuals providing childcare (that is not otherwise required to register and is provided in the child's own home or, for children aged over 7, on other domestic premises).

The scheme, which is voluntary, has a dedicated website to help:

- you find out more about the scheme, including its national helpline
- childcarers register
- parents check whether a childcarer is approved or not.

Visit the Childcare Approval Scheme website at [www.childcareapprovalscheme.co.uk](http://www.childcareapprovalscheme.co.uk)