

 Regulatory Policy Committee	Validation of the One-in, Two-out Status and the Net Direct Impact on Business	
Validation Impact Assessment (IA)	Amendments to regulations to enable the single registration of multiple childcare premises, including child-minders on non-domestic premises	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Education	
IA Number	Not provided	
Origin	Domestic	
Expected date of implementation	October 2015 (SNR10)	
Date of Regulatory Triage Confirmation	3 October 2013	
Date submitted to RPC	24 March 2015	
Date of RPC Validation	6 May 2015	
RPC reference	RPC13-FT-DfE-1904(2)	
Departmental Assessment		
One-in, Two-out status	OUT	
Estimate of the Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB)	-£0.033 million	
RPC assessment	VALIDATED	
Summary RPC comments		
<p>The validation IA is fit for purpose. The Department estimates the savings to childcare providers from not having to make separate registrations for each premise.</p> <p>The RPC is able to validate the estimated EANCB.</p>		
Background (extracts from IA)		
<p>What is the problem under consideration? Why is government intervention necessary?</p> <p><i>“Currently, childcare providers are required to make a separate registration with Ofsted for each set of premises from which they intend to operate. This may be discouraging providers from setting up new (or expanding existing) provision. Through the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment (SBE) Bill, the government is putting in place deregulatory measures to enable childcare providers to make a single registration application in respect of suitable multiple premises and/or to add additional settings to an existing registration. This includes child-minders who will be able to use their existing child-minder registration to operate from one or more non-domestic premises for up to half their time”.</i></p>		

What are the policy objectives and the intended effects?

“The policy objectives and intended effects are to: simplify and create a more consistent and coherent childcare registration system by removing unnecessary red tape; encourage the expansion of high quality registered childcare provision; and promote a prosperous and growing childcare market that meets the rising and varying needs of working families”.

RPC comments

The Department proposes to enable childcare providers to register more than one of their premises through a single application process. The proposals will also allow providers to notify Ofsted of any new premises, without completing a further registration process.

The IA explains that business would save the time needed to complete separate application forms; applied to the 700 new registrations every six monthly period, this equates to a saving of £9,485.

In addition, there are further potential savings in one-off registration fees of £35 per child-minder. When combined with staff time saved in filling in the application forms, and applied to 300 child minders, this would provide an additional saving of £12,450 every six months.

Combined, over a full year, the annual benefit to business is estimated to provide an EANCB of -£33,000.

On this basis, the RPC is able to validate the estimated EANCB.

Signed



Michael Gibbons, Chairman