

# AIM Expansion

## Walkthrough and Demonstration

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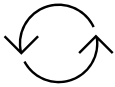
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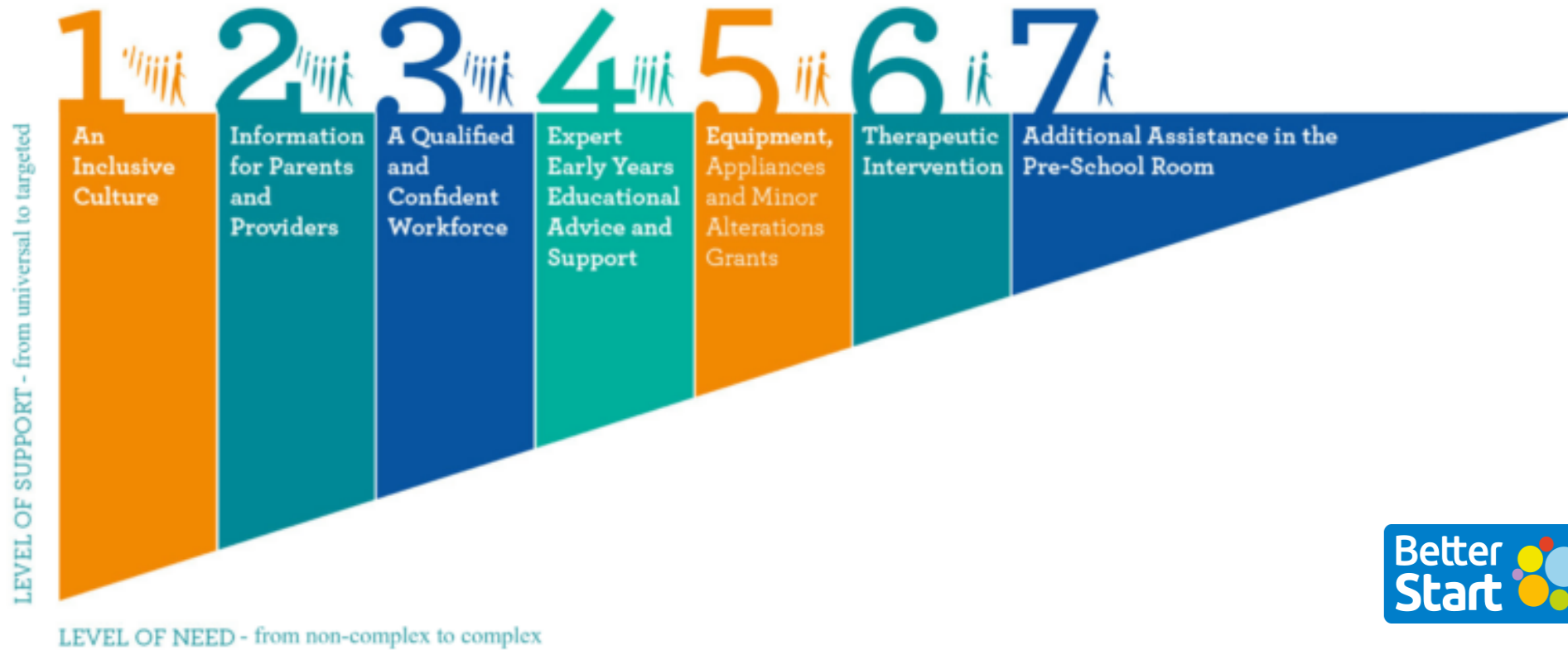
Live Demonstration

# What is AIM?

A Model to support Access to the Free Pre-School Year for Children with a Disability



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# What is the AIM Expansion?

Up until the end of the 2023/2024 programme call, AIM provided targeted supports to children within the ECCE programme for 3 hours per day, 5 days per week for 38 weeks of the year.

The expansion of AIM will now enable children to access targeted supports, specifically AIM Levels 4, 5 and 7 outside of the ECCE programme hours, both in and out of term.

AIM Level 4,5 and 7 supports can be applied for in a **single service or across multiple** services.



# AIM Level 7 Terminology

## **AIM Level 7 Standard**

Provides 3 hours of support per day during ECCE hours for 38-week services and provides 3.5 hours of support per day during ECCE hours for 41-week services.

## **AIM Level 7 Plus**

An additional 3 hours of support per day outside of ECCE hours, during ECCE term time for 38 and 41week services will now be available to ECCE age eligible children.

## **AIM Level 7 Non-Term**

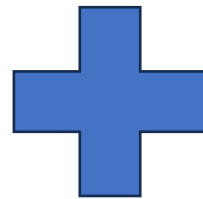
6 hours of support per day during ECCE non-term time is now available for 38-week services and 6.5 hours of support per day during ECCE non-term time for 41-week services. i.e. Halloween Christmas Easter, ETC.



# What's Existing and What's New

## Currently Available

- AIM Level 4: The application process for AIM Level 4 remains the same.
- AIM Level 7 Standard: The application process for AIM Level 7 Standard is largely unchanged.

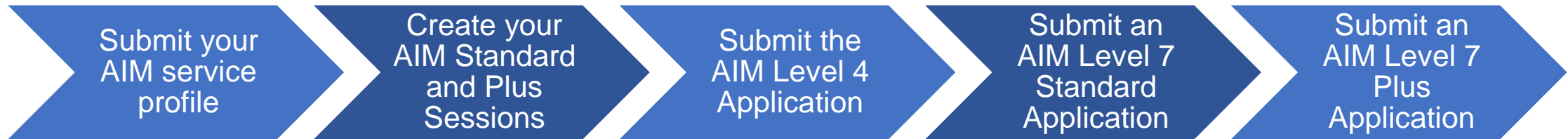


## Additions to AIM Level 7

- AIM Level 7 Plus: This is a new application process which mirrors the current AIM Level 7 Standard application process.
- AIM Level 7 Non-Term: This is a new application process which mirrors the current AIM Level 7 Standard application process.

# What do I need to do in order to submit an AIM level 7 application

For an AIM Level 7 Standard and Plus application:



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For an AIM Level 7 Non-Term application:

Submit your  
AIM service  
profile

Create your  
AIM Non-  
term Session

Submit the  
AIM Level 4  
Application

Submit an  
AIM Level 7  
Standard  
Application

Have an  
Active ECCE  
Calendar

Submit an  
AIM Level 7  
Non- Term  
Application





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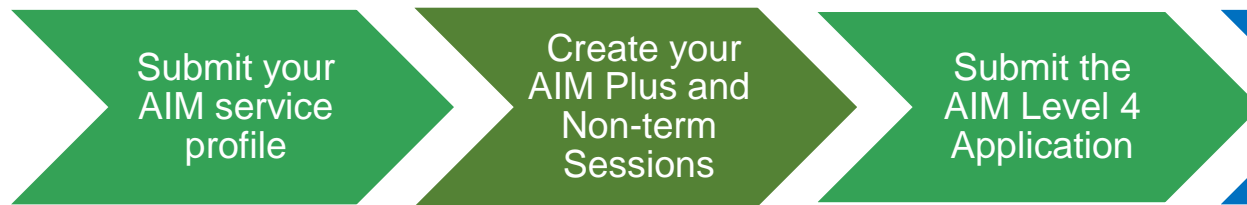
## For Multi Level Services

Service A and B can submit AIM Level 7 Plus and/or Non-Term applications once they have created their AIM service profile and sessions and they have an AIM 4 and 7 Standard application in place.

### Service A must:



### Service B must:



### Service B can now:



# EAMA Document

For services who have created their AIM service profile previously they will have ticked the box. Due to the expansion of AIM, there have been amendments incorporated to include the additional hours. We are asking services to read and agree to the EAMA by checking the box.

Download and read the [Educational Advice and Mentoring Agreement](#)

I have read and agree with the Educational Advice and Mentoring Agreement (EAMA). I agree to share the EAMA with the educators in the service and discuss the EAMA with the Early Years Specialist as part of the mentoring process.

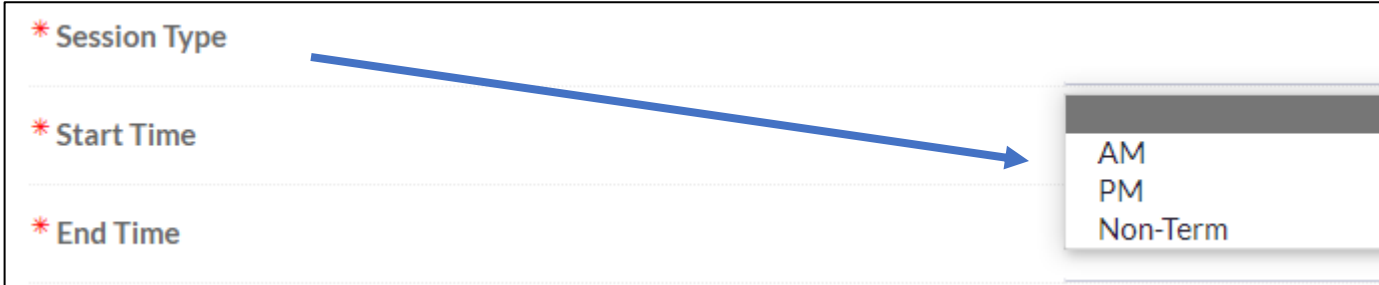


# AIM Sessions

Under the **AIM Sessions Type** section, you will be able to choose your session type based on AM, PM or Non term.

An AIM standard or Plus session can be AM or PM, therefore we advise that session names include the type of AIM Support i.e. Butterfly Room Plus.

**New Session Type added:**



A screenshot of a web form with three fields: \* Session Type, \* Start Time, and \* End Time. A blue arrow points from the Session Type field to a dropdown menu that is open, showing three options: AM, PM, and Non-Term.

# Applying for AIM Level 7 Standard

To create an AIM Level 7 Standard Application there are 2 methods.

## 1. AIM Level 4 Checkbox

Would you like to create an AIM Level 7 application?

## 2. Create an AIM Level 7 Standard Application

Create

A new Application type dropdown is available.

Child Details	
* AIM Lv4 Application	Lance Michaud
* Child's Start Date for this ECCE year	19/08/2024
* Application type <i>(Choices depend on availability)</i>	Standard



# Applying for AIM Level 7 Plus

To create an **AIM Level 7 Plus Application**, either click on the yellow dropdown arrow and choose the **AIM Plus** or click **'Create'**.

- You must have your AIM level 7 standard application submitted in a service (single or multi-service).
- Services can apply for an additional 3 hours per day for up to 15 hours per week.
- One additional staff member may be deemed to be sufficient to meet the needs of two or more children. Maintenance of a reduced ratio cannot be awarded for AIM plus.
- Changes can be made to applications at a later date once new review functionality is available.
- Error Message: A child cannot be in the same session for both AIM standard and AIM plus.

THE FORM COULD NOT BE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- The child is already registered for one or more sessions on their standard application. Please review the [Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday] sessions.



# Applying for AIM Level 7 Non-term

To create an **AIM Level 7 Non-term** Application, click on the yellow dropdown arrow and choose the **AIM Non-term** or click **'Create'**.

- You must have your AIM level 7 standard submitted in a service (single or multi-service).
- Services can apply for the AIM Level 7 Non-term for 6 hours per day for up to 30 hours per week during non payable weeks and outside of the ECCE term i.e. Halloween, Christmas, Easter etc.
- One additional staff member may be deemed to be sufficient to meet the needs of two or more children. Maintenance of a reduced ratio cannot be awarded for AIM non-term.
- Only one AIM Level 7 Non-term application can be submitted within a service. Please make sure to put in all relevant weeks where non term funding is required. Changes can be made to applications at a later date once new review functionality is available.



# Applying for AIM Level 7 Non term Application

- Error Message 1: Make sure to select the Non payable weeks when creating your AIM Level 7 Non-Term application.

THE FORM COULD NOT BE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- Please review session dates and only choose dates that are based on non-payable weeks selected on your ecce service calendar. The Monday session week on 04/11/2024 is marked as a payable.



# AIM Level 7 Plus & Non-term Funding

## Backdating of funding:

As per the announcement, AIM Plus applications which are submitted by the 25 October 2024 and are approved will be backdated to the latest of the following:

- The AIM standard funding start date.
- The date support commenced (employment of additional employee).
- The date the NCS confirmed claim commences.





# AIM Level 7 Plus & Non-term Funding

## What is required to receive payment for AIM Level 7 Plus and Non-term funding?

- A **confirmed NCS claim** which is equal to or greater than the hours awarded under AIM for each payable week is required.

## How will payments be made?

- Payments will be made a week in advance as is the current AIM Level 7 Standard payments process.
- Where a confirmed claim moves to invalid following payment for AIM Level 7 Plus or Non-term, AIM payments will be recovered.



# Key Points to Note

- AIM Level 7 Standard is the funding provided to services where a child(ren) require AIM during the ECCE programme.
- AIM Level 7 Plus provides an additional 3 hours per day for 15 hours per week of funding during ECCE term time
- AIM Non-Term will provide up to 6 hours per day for 30 hours per week outside of the ECCE term.
- AIM Multi Service is where a child is availing of AIM Level 7 Standard, Plus and/or Non-Term across more than one service.
- Only one AIM non term application can be submitted within a **singular** service. Please make sure to put in all relevant weeks where non term funding is being requested.
- In order to receive AIM Level 7 Plus and Non-term payments, the child must have an NCS confirmed claim for hours equal to or greater than the amount of hours awarded under AIM Plus or AIM Non-term.



# Questions?



Thank you for attending!

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