



Early Years National Funding Schemes

2 year funding

15 hours of free childcare a week

Your 2-year-old can get free childcare if you live in England and get any of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)**
- **income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**
- **Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments**
- **the guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax**
- **the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)**
- **are looked after by a local authority**
- **have an education, health and care (EHC) plan**
- **Disability Living Allowance**
- **have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order**

You may have to pay for extra costs like meals, or trips.

You can use the funding flexibly with one or more childcare provider

**When does this
funding start?**

**From 1 January, 1 April
or 1 September
following your child's
2nd birthday.**

Universal funding

15 hours of free childcare a week for 3 & 4 year olds is available to all families in England.

**When does this
funding start?**

**From 1 January, 1 April
or 1 September
following your child's
3rd birthday.**



30 Hours Funding

30 hours free childcare for working families in England

Criteria for eligibility....

- 3 and 4-year-old children
- You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).
- If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.
- You can't get 30 hours free childcare if either you, or your partner, each individually expect to earn £100,000 or more.

Apply for 30 hours free childcare through <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

You will need:

- your details and your partner's (where this applies)
- National Insurance number
- Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), if you are self-employed

You may find out if you're eligible straight away, but it can take up to 7 days.

If successful you will receive a code which must be given to your childcare provider.

Families will need to reapply termly (every 3 months) and before the deadline date given once successful

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You will need the code
before your child starts.

For further support and information on how to apply please speak to the setting manager or check out Childcare Choices.



<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

In just a few clicks you can find out exactly what your entitled to.