

## **Support with Childcare for Working Parents**

### **Funded Childcare**

#### **You may be able to get**

- 15 hours a week if your child is 9 months to 2 years and you are a working parent
- 30 hours a week if your child is 3 to 4 years and you are a working parent

#### **Criteria**

- You and your partner must be expected to earn on average at least £183 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 having a caring responsibility, you could still be eligible.
- You cannot get the 15 hours government-funded childcare for 2 year olds, if you or your partner, each individually expected to earn over £100,000 adjusted net income or more.

#### **When to apply or 15 hours funded childcare**

- 15 hours a week if your child is 9 months to 2 years from age of 23 weeks old

<b>When your child is 9 months old</b>	<b>When you can take your hours from</b>	<b>When to apply</b>
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	The term before 1 January
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	The term before 1 April
1 April to 3 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	The term before 1 September

#### **When to apply or 30 hours funded childcare**

- 30 hours a week if your child is 3 to 4 years from age of 2 years and 36 weeks

<b>Your Child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday</b>	<b>When you can take your hours from</b>	<b>When to apply</b>
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	The term before 1 January
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	The term before 1 April
1 April to 3 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	The term before 1 September

#### **How to apply**

You will need to set up a childcare account. Childcare choices website here <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You will need the following information for you and (if relevant) your partner

- your National Insurance Number
- if you're self-employed, your Unique Taxpayer Reference
- the date you started, or are due to start work
- details of any other government support you get

**Tax Free Childcare** could save eligible parents up to £2000 per year for children aged up to 11 or £4000 per year for children aged up to 17 with disabilities. This is a government scheme to help working parents to pay for childcare.

**Who can apply?**

Working parents who are earning the National Minimum or Living wage for an average of 16 hours a week.

Have no more than £100K income per year.

If one parent is working and the other parent is claiming:-

- Carers Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- Contribution Based employment Support Allowance
- National Insurance Credits because of incapacity or limited Capability for Work

Apply via gov.uk or childcare choices [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#) [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

**Universal Credit Childcare** could save eligible parents up to 85% of their childcare costs for children aged up to 16.

**Who can apply?**

If you or your partner (if you live with them) will need to be working.

You can claim during school holidays only or all year round. [Universal Credit childcare costs - GOV.UK](#)

**Funded Education and Childcare for 2 Year Olds**

If you are the parent or carer of a two year old and you receive certain benefits you could be eligible to apply for a funded childcare place.

**Who can apply?**

Your 2-year-old can get funded 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 payment
- 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)

2-year-olds can also get funded childcare if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

If you're a non- UK citizen who cannot claim benefits

If your immigration status says you have 'no recourse to public funds', you may still get funded childcare for your 2-year-old. You must live in England and your household income must be no more than:

- £26,500 for families outside of London with one child
- £34,500 for families within London with one child
- £30,600 for families outside of London with two or more children
- £38,600 for families within London with two or more children

You cannot have more than £16,000 in savings or investments.

What you will get

Your child will receive 570 hours funded early education over a year. This is equal to 15 hours a week during term time (38 weeks a year) or 11.4 hours a week all year round (50 weeks per year) There is some flexibility with how the hours are used, but they can only be used for a maximum of 10 hours a day.

Your child can start in their funded place from the term after their second birthday.

Funding is available for a range of early years providers, including schools, nurseries, pre-schools, playgroups and childminders.