

Getting Ready for September

The 30 hours offer



What does this mean for my child?

- 1,140 hours of free entitlement - which is 30 hours per week over 38 weeks in term time
- This is made up of 570 hours of universal free entitlement – 15 hours per week term time only which parents do not need to apply for and continues to be available to all 3 and 4 year old children
- The offer is an extra 570 hours per year which is 15 hours a week on top of the universal entitlement for working parents who meet the income criteria
- To see if you are eligible for an eligibility code please check on the following websites: [Childcare Choices](#)

Up to 30
hours free
childcare

For working
parents of 3
and 4 year
olds

Eligibility

- A child will be eligible for 30 hours at the beginning of the term after they have turned 3 and both parents or sole parent must meet the income criteria

When to Apply

- You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 28 February
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July

- You can apply outside of these recommended dates but you might not receive your code in time. You must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts.
- For a September start, you must have a valid eligibility code ready before 31st August. This code has to be validated on the Local Authority portal before the end of term. Codes can be sought from HMRC when the child is 2 and 36 weeks.
- Parents provide an eligibility code, National Insurance number and evidence of the child's date of birth. Please remember that you need to re-confirm eligibility every 3 months.

The free hours
of childcare

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the Government
Tax-Free Childcare
Schemes