



Pre-School : Help Paying for Childcare



15 Hours Free Childcare for TWO year olds

- For families **in England**, receiving some forms of support
- With **2-year-old children**
- **15 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
- To be able to take up **15 hours of free childcare** for your two-year-old you or your child must meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) for further information.
- A total of **570 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

15 Hours Free Childcare for THREE & FOUR year olds

- **For all families in England**
- With **3 and 4-year-old children**
- **15 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
- A total of **570 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

30 hours free childcare for THREE & FOUR Year olds

- For **working families in England**
- With **3 and 4-year-old children**
- **30 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
- A total of **1,140 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week
- If your working pattern and/or income has changed because of coronavirus (COVID-19); before you apply or reconfirm for 30 hours, please read [how these changes may affect your eligibility](#)

Tax free Childcare 0-11 years (or 16 if disabled)

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **at least £139** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**
- If your working pattern and/or income has changed because of coronavirus (COVID-19); before you apply or reconfirm, please read [how the changes may affect your eligibility](#).

Tax Credits for Childcare 0-11 years (or 16 years if disabled)

- For working families, **in the UK**
- With **children under 16** (or **under 17 if disabled**)
- 70% of childcare costs, up to a cap
- If you cannot make a new claim for Tax Credits, you may be able to apply for Universal Credit instead.

Universal Credit for Families for 0-16 years

- For working families claiming Universal Credit, **in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales**
- With **children under 17***
- Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax-Free Childcare

Support While you Study

- Weekly payments from Care to Learn if you're at school or sixth-form college
- Help through your college if you're in further education
- A weekly grant if you're in full-time higher education

