

the same information for them. This will enable HMRC to decide whether your child is eligible for the 30 hours.

- If you are eligible, you will be given an 11-digit code that you will need to show your chosen childcare provider, along with your national insurance number and your child's birth certificate.
- Once your code has been confirmed and funding has been given, you will then be able to book your child's place
- You will need to renew your eligibility every three months by logging into your Childcare Service account and validating the information.
- If you do not renew your eligibility, you will no longer be able to claim the 30 hours and will be charged for any extra sessions.

Additional help with childcare cost

There are several ways in which the government can help with childcare costs:

Tax free childcare

- for working families (with children under 12 or under 17 if disabled), including the self-employed, in the UK
- for every £8 you pay in, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year

Tax credits for childcare

- 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 are unable to make a new claim for Tax Credits, you may be eligible to apply for Universal Credit instead

Universal credit for childcare

- for working families (with children under 17) claiming Universal Credit, in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales
- 85% of eligible childcare costs, up to a cap

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**Allow your children to explore and learn in an
environment that is secure and safe, yet
challenging.**



A guide to funding in Early Years



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Early Education for two year olds

Parents of children aged two, that are in receipt of certain benefits, could qualify for up to 15 hours of free childcare education each week at a local nursery, preschool or childminder in your area.

Am I eligible?

Eligibility is based on parents who receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credits with a combined family income of less than £16,190 before tax
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - with a combined family income of less than £15,400 a year after tax
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed element of Pension Tax Credit
- Children of Zambrano Carers *
- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private/family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights *
- Children of a subset of failed asylum seekers (supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 – ‘the 1999 Act’) OR a two year old who
- Has a current Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Receives Disability Living Allowance
- Is looked after by the local authority
- Has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order
- Has a family with no recourse to public funds

How do I apply?

Register on the Parent Portal at

<https://childcare.milton-keynes.gov.uk/parentportal/account/add.aspx>

- Login to the Parent Portal and complete an application for two year old funding (this can also be accessed via a smartphone or handheld device)
- Once your application is complete you will be notified of your eligibility immediately.
- To find providers in Milton Keynes who accept two year old funding, please visit the Milton Keynes Council childcare search page

When can my child start?

Funding is available from the term after your child's 2nd birthday, see below

Birthday	Start Date
Between Jan 1 - March 31	Summer Term from Apr 1
Between Apr 1 - July 31	Autumn Term from Sept 1
Between Aug 1 - Dec 31	Spring Term from Jan 1

Need more help?

- Contact your nearest Children's centre
- Visit **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk**
- Speak to your health visitor
- Call the Education Access Team on 01908 253338

3 year old funding

All children in England are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare starting from the term after their 3rd birthday.

An additional 15 hours of funded childcare is available for some families.

Am I eligible for 30 hour funding?

You will be eligible for 30 hours funding if you fall into the below criteria:

- Both parents in your household are employed and work the equivalent of at least 16 hours each at national living wage or national minimum wage, therefore earning at least £120 per week.
- Neither parent in the family household earns over £100,000.
- One parent is employed, and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring.
- One or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave. You can also be temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay.
- One parent is employed, and the other parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.

How do I apply?

- Check your eligibility at www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs
- It is expected the application process will take around 20 minutes to complete and you will need to provide your name, address and national insurance number, as well as your income expectations over the next three months and details of any benefits.
- If you live with a partner, you will need to provide