



30 Hours - Who is Eligible

The extra funded hours will be made available to families where both parents (or the sole parent in a lone parent family):

- are working and earn on average a weekly minimum amount equivalent to working 16 hours at either [National Minimum Wage \(NMW\) or National Living Wage \(NLW\)](#)
- have an income of less than £100,000 each per year
- live in England (parents who are non-EEA nationals must have [recourse to public funds](#) to qualify)

You may still be eligible to apply if you or your partner:

- are taking paid time off work, such as maternity leave, paternity leave or sick leave
- are temporarily away from England for a period of up to 6 months, such as on military duty

You can also apply if either you or your partner are employed or self-employed and one of you gets one or more of the following benefits:

- contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit or long-term Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- National Insurance credits because of incapacity or limited capability for work
- you've been assessed as having limited capability for work for Universal Credit purposes

How can I check if I am eligible?

You can check your eligibility for the 30 hours through the [Childcare Choices](#) website or by using the [Childcare Calculator](#). These will also show if you can get any additional government help with childcare costs.



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If you meet the eligibility criteria for the additional hours you should also qualify for [Tax-Free Childcare](#), which can be used to help pay for any additional childcare costs. You can apply for this and the 30 hours at the same time through the [digital childcare service](#).

If I am eligible when can I apply?

If your child will be 3 or over by the 31 March 2018 you can apply now through the [Childcare Choices](#) website which will direct you to the [digital childcare service](#). If you don't already have one you will need to create a Government Gateway account at the start of your application process. The website will then guide you through setting up your own Childcare Service account.

If you're unable to apply online or have any problems with the application process you can contact the Childcare Service Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097 for support. If you disagree with the eligibility outcome you will be able to use the HMRC's review and appeals process.



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