

Free childcare for 2 year olds



While all families are entitled to 15 hours free childcare the term after their child turns 3, the Government do offer this from the term after your child is 2 and you meet certain eligibility criteria.

Your 2 year old can get free childcare* if you get one 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 payments
- child tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- 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 free childcare if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have a statement of [special education needs \(SEN\)](#) or 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

** This funding does not cover consumable costs (e.g. meals, nappies), but we will cover these costs should you qualify for Early Years Pupil Premium.*

