

# 30 hours free childcare

## 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
<b>1 September to 31 December</b>	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November
<b>1 January to 31 March</b>	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 28 February
<b>1 April to 31 August</b>	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.

Check with your childcare provider to find out the exact date your 30 hours free childcare starts.

You have to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you'll have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account in order to keep your code valid.

Please click on the following link for more information and to apply online:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>