



30 HOUR FREE CHILDCARE ELIGIBILITY

You can usually get 30 hours free childcare if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

- in work - or getting parental leave, sick leave or annual leave
- each earning at least the [National Minimum Wage or Living Wage](#) for 16 hours a week - this is £125.28 if you're over 25

This earnings limit does not apply if you're self-employed and started your business less than 12 months ago.

You're not eligible if:

- your child does not usually live with you
- the child is your foster child
- either you or your partner has a [taxable income](#) over £100,000
- you're from [outside the EEA](#) and your UK residence card says you cannot access public funds

You can get 30 hours free childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, tax credits, childcare vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare.