

## 8 facts you need to know about 30 hours

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### **It is for working families of 3 and 4 year olds**

30 hours of free childcare and early education a week will be available to working parents who each earn a minimum of the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage and up to £100,000 each a year. This includes parents that are self-employed or on zero hour contracts.

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### **It is 30 hours a week over 38 weeks of the year**

The total allowance of free childcare and early education hours is 1140. Using 30 hours a week will spread the funding over 38 weeks a year.

However, parents are able to stretch the 1140 hours over more than 38 weeks of the year. E.g. stretching 1140 hours over 51 weeks of the year gives you roughly 22 hours a week.

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### **Childcare providers can choose whether or not to offer it**

The Government has not made it compulsory for providers to partake in the 30 hours offer. Providers can also choose how many hours they offer. Parents will need to contact the childcare provider of their choice to find out what they are offering.

You can also find information on the providers offering it on the [AfC Info Site](#).

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### **Parents can split the entitlement between multiple childcare providers**

Parents do not have to take up the entitlement at one provider only, they can split this between different providers. Although parents need to be aware that they are restricted to accessing no more than two funded childcare sites a day.

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### **Parents have to apply for a 30 hours code online**

Parents will need to visit the Government's [childcare service system](#) online to apply for a 30 hours code.

Parents will then need to take the code to their childcare provider partaking in the 30 hours offer.

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**A 30 hour place can only be taken up the term after eligibility is confirmed**

A parent can claim 30 hours from the term after both of the following conditions are met, whichever is later:

- the child's third birthday, and
- the date they receive their eligibility code from HMRC.

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**Parents will need to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months**

Parents will need to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months via the online childcare service system. This will determine whether or not parents are still eligible to benefit from the 30 hours funding. However, the child will continue to receive the universal 15 hours.

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**Parents who are no longer eligible will not immediately lose their child's 30 hour place**

Parents who are no longer eligible will enter a grace period, during this period the extended 15 hours will be funded up until the grace period end date.

If parents do not regain eligibility, children will still continue to benefit from the universal 15 hours.