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New Free Funding from April 2024



The Government is planning to extend the free childcare offer so that eligible working parents in England will be able to access 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks per year from the term after their child turns 9 months to when they start school.

This will be rolled out as follows:

- From April 2024, working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of free childcare per week (38 weeks a year),
- From September 2024 this will be extended to parents of 9 month to 3-year-olds, and
- From September 2025 working parents of 9 month to 3-year-olds will be able to access 30 free hours per week (38 weeks a year).

For more information,
please visit
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Eligibility criteria

- Both parents must be working- or the sole parent in a lone parent family.
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent wage of 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage.
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100 000.

There may be additional help if there is a disabled child or adult carer.