



When to apply for your extended entitlement (30 hours free childcare)?

In England, you can currently apply for 30 hours free childcare from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

When your child was born and what term you can get the free hours from will determine when you should apply to receive your code in time.

If your child turns three between 1 September and 31 December, you can start getting the 30 hours from the term starting after 1 January.

It is recommended that you apply before 30 November.

If your child turns three between 1 January and 31 March, you can start getting the 30 hours from the term starting on or after 1 April.

It is recommended that you apply before 28 February.

If your child turns three between 1 April and 31 August, you can start getting the 30 hours from the term starting on or after 1 September.

It is recommended that you apply before 31 July.