



## Eligibility for funded childcare for 2-year-olds

Your 2-year-old will be eligible for funded childcare if you get one or more of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit - if you and your partner have a combined income from work of £15,400 or less a year, after-tax. Not including benefit payments.
- Tax credits - and have an annual gross income (before tax) of no more than £16,190 per year
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

or your child:

- is looked after by a local council
- has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- gets Disability Living Allowance
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

Other ways your child may be eligible  
If you're a non-EEA citizen who cannot claim benefits

Your 2-year-old may get free childcare if you are getting support under the Immigration and Asylum Act and have either:

- claimed asylum in the UK and are waiting for a decision (known as 'part 6')
- been refused asylum in the UK (known as 'section 4')

A 2-year-old you care for may also get free childcare if your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, and you have any of the following:

- leave to remain with 'no recourse to public funds' on family or private life grounds
- support from your local council because you have 'a child in need', for example, they have a disability or a child protection plan
- the right to live in the UK because you're the main carer of a British citizen (known as a 'Zambrano Carer')

### What to do if you think your child is eligible for 2-year-old funding

If you believe your child is eligible, please visit and check your eligibility online:  
<https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/childcare-and-early-years/paying-childcare/2yo-funded-childcare/apply/> and talk to your pre-school provider.

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