

Information for working parent entitlement.

If you are an eligible working parent in England, you can apply for:

- 15 hours childcare per week over 38 weeks of the year, if you have a child between 9 months old (on or before 31st August 2024) and 3 years old.
- 30 hours childcare per week over 38 weeks of the year, if you have a child aged 3 or 4 years old.
- You have until 31 August to get your code from [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) to start in September. **However, it's important to remember some childcare providers will have different deadlines. Make sure you speak to yours at an early stage to find out more about their arrangements.**
- If you plan to return to work from parental leave or start a new job by the end of September, you can apply for a childcare code at the same time as everyone else. You will then receive a letter in the post within 1 to 2 weeks.

Here's how to get your childcare code:

1. Check your eligibility online on the [Childcare Choices website](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).
2. Speak to your provider, such as your nursery or childminder. Check what their arrangements are and that they can offer your child a place.
3. Create [a childcare account on gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) if you don't already have one, where you can apply for your code. You'll need:
 - your National Insurance Number (or unique taxpayer reference if you are self-employed)
 - the date you started or are due to start work.
 - details of any government support or benefits you receive.
 - the UK birth certificate reference number (if you have one) for your child.
4. You may receive your code straight away, but it can take up to 7 days. You should then give this code to your provider.
5. Reconfirm your details on your gov.uk childcare account every 3 months.

If you have already applied for your code to start in September and received it before 1 June, you may need to reconfirm your details before you take up a place in September. Log into your [childcare account on gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) to check when you need to do so.

If you needed to reconfirm your details for Tax-Free Childcare before 12 May and your reconfirmation window opened after 9 June, you will have received a letter from HMRC with a valid temporary code.

To find out more, read the [frequently asked questions for parents here](#).

[Click here to apply for your childcare code](#)