

Government support with Childcare and Early Years Education

Working Parent Entitlement	Early Learning for Two-Year-Olds	Universal Entitlement
Eligible working parents	Eligible families receiving some additional form of Government support	All families
Up to 30 hours per week	Up to 15 hours per week	Up to 15 hours per week
Eligible working parents may be entitled to up to 30 hours of government funded childcare from the term after a child turns 9 months old, until they start school. You may be eligible if you (and your partner, if you have one) are: - in work or starting a new job - on sick leave or annual leave - on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave - getting statutory neonatal care pay - on bereaved partner paternity leave The amount of funded childcare you can get depends on: - your child's age and circumstances - your income (and your partner's income, if you have one) - your immigration status Apply through beststartinlife.gov.uk	Your two-year-old can get up to 15 hours of government funded childcare if you live in England and get any of the following benefits: • Income Support • income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) • income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) • Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments • the guaranteed element of Pension Credit. Two-year-olds can also get up to 15 hours of government funded childcare if they: • are looked after by a local authority • have an education, health and care (EHC) plan • get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) • have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order. No income thresholds apply. If you're a non-UK citizen living in England, who cannot claim benefits and your immigration status says you have 'no recourse to public funds', you may still get funded childcare for your two-year-old. Apply through northyorks.gov.uk/earlyeducationplaces	All three-and four-year-old children are entitled to up to 15 hours of government funded childcare, irrespective of family income level, benefits status or family circumstances. There is no application process for this funding.

Government Funding

Funding begins the term after the child turns the relevant age. Your 15 or 30 hours can be used for 38 weeks of the year (term-time) or you may be able to stretch your hours over some of the holidays by using less hours each week during term time. Check with your early years provider to find out how they deliver government funded childcare in their setting. Parents may be asked to pay additional charges.

Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit childcare

Parents may also be entitled to Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare which may be used in conjunction with government funded entitlements.

Scan the QR code to check if you're eligible or visit beststartinlife.gov.uk



For help finding childcare in North Yorkshire, contact The Families Information Service: fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

How to apply for each type of support with childcare costs

Working Parent Entitlement

- Check if you are eligible and apply online at beststartinlife.gov.uk.
- Your eligibility will be checked by HMRC. If eligible, HMRC will open a childcare service account for you.
- You will receive your eligibility code through your childcare service account. You must take your eligibility code to your childcare provider.
- Your childcare provider will check the validity of the eligibility code. You can then discuss accessing your childcare place.
- Funding starts the term after a child reaches nine-months-old.

Tax-Free Childcare

Working parents:

- Add a childcare provider to your childcare account, then pay money into your childcare account. For every £8 you pay into your account, the government will top it up by £2 (up to £2,000 per child per year or up to £4,000 if your child is disabled).
- Pay your childcare provider directly through your childcare account.
- You can use Tax Free Childcare for your child until 1st September after their 11th birthday or until 1st September after their 16th birthday if they are disabled.

Reconfirm

You need to reconfirm your eligibility every three months

Remember

You will be reminded four weeks before the deadline

Important

If you do not reconfirm, you will not get the government top-up.

Early Learning for two-year-olds

- Visit northyorks.gov.uk/earlyeducationplaces. Create an account, then apply for funding.
- If you receive a 'Found' result the code will be displayed and it will be stored on your Parent Portal account. If you receive a 'Not Found', 'No Trace' or 'Pending' result you will receive an email from the Families Information Service (FIS) with further instruction.
- If you have any queries regarding your application, email fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk.
- You must take your eligibility code to your childcare provider.
- Funding will start the term after a child turns two-years-old.



Universal Credit Childcare

- If you are on Universal Credit, you may be able to get help with your childcare costs.
- You pay the childcare provider and claim the costs back as part of your claim.
- The amount you can get depends on your earnings. You may be able to claim up to 85% of your childcare bill, for both Early Years and School-age Childcare.

Universal Entitlement

- All three and four-year-olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of government funded childcare per week, from the term after their third birthday.
- **You do not need to apply for this government funding. Speak to your childcare provider to arrange.**

For further information visit beststartinlife.gov.uk