

IS YOUR 2-YEAR-OLD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE?



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BIG CHANGES

MEAN BIG BENEFITS

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From the new school term over a quarter of all two-year-olds will be entitled to 1140 hours a year of free early learning and childcare.

These changes will help young children whose parents or carers receive specific qualifying benefits. It will help them gain vital language and learning skills, improving their social development so they'll do better at school when the time comes.

And, with more flexibility for mums and dads, it will be good for pockets too.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Two-year-old children are eligible for 1140 hours a year of free early learning and childcare if their parent or carer receives:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based)
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Incapacity or Severe Disablement Allowance
- State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit and your income is less than the threshold set by the Scottish Government
- Both maximum CTC and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is less than the threshold set by the Scottish Government
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- Universal Credit* when the household take-home pay, is less than the threshold set by the Scottish Government

In addition, children aged two or over who are (or have been at any point since turning two) looked after by a local council, the subject of a kinship care or guardianship order are eligible.

Has a care experienced parent (parent has been in residential care, foster care, kinship care, or has been looked-after at home with a supervision requirement at any stage in their life).

*This applies to children who have turned two on or after 1st March.

The income thresholds for Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit can vary annually.

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