

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

Early learning and childcare will help young children gain vital language and learning skills, improve their social development and help them do better at school when the time comes. It will also support parents to work, train or study.

Two-year-old children are eligible for 1140 hours 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 your household income 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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