

Government Funded Childcare Guide

Use the chart below to determine which types of government funded childcare support can be used in conjunction with each other.



	Working Parent Entitlement	Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds Entitlement	Universal Entitlement	Tax Free Childcare	Universal Credit Childcare
Working Parent Entitlement		✓	✓	✓	✓
Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds Entitlement	✓		✗	✓	✓
Universal Entitlement	✓	✗		✓	✓
Tax Free Childcare	✓	✓	✓		✗
Universal Credit Childcare	✓	✓	✓	✗	

Working Parent Entitlement*

Eligible working families with children aged over 9 months until they start school can claim up to 30 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Early Learning for two-year-olds Entitlement (EL2)*

Families of two-year-olds receiving some form of additional government support can claim up to 15 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Universal Entitlement

All 3 and 4 year olds in England, from the term after their third birthday until they start school, can claim up to 15 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Tax Free Childcare*

Working families with children aged 0-11 years (or up to 16 if the child is disabled). For every £8 paid into the childcare account, the government tops it up by £2.

Universal Credit Childcare*

Working families claiming Universal Credit with children aged under 17 years old may be able to claim back up to 85% of eligible childcare costs.

*Eligibility criteria apply.

To find out more about government support with the costs of childcare or to check eligibility scan the QR code or visit:

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