

Working Parent Entitlement: 30 hours childcare



Attention - Working parents!

Get 30 hours FREE childcare for your child - 9months - 5 years old

***Eligibility criteria applies**

If you are an eligible working parent, you can access up to 30 hours of funded childcare per week from the term after your child turns 9 months old until they start primary school.

Visit beststartinlife.gov.uk to check eligibility and apply.

There are deadlines to apply for your code. You must apply a term ahead of when you wish to start.

Make sure you apply as early as possible and speak to your chosen childcare provider to find out more about their arrangements.

Am I eligible?

Your child will qualify for a free place if both parents in a two parent family are working (or in a sole parent family, the lone parent must be working) and each parent on average earns:

- a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage (NMW) or National Living Wage (NLW)
- less than £100,000 per year.

If you cannot work, you may still be eligible if your partner works and you access a qualifying disability or carers benefit. Immigration criteria also applies.

What will I get?

You will be able to get up to 30 hours childcare per week, over 38 weeks of the year (usually term-time only). You may be able to access less hours over more weeks of the year if your childcare provider offers it.

How can I apply?

If you think you are eligible, you will be able to apply for your place via **beststartinlife.gov.uk**

You will be given an eligibility code if successful. Give this to your chosen childcare provider when you receive it. You will have to reconfirm eligibility every 3 months.

You will be able to find local information and lists of participating providers in Newham at **newham.gov.uk/earlyyears**

When is my child entitled to a free place?

The earliest you can take up a place is from the term after your child reaches nine months old. You must apply a term ahead to get access to the free hours from the term after i.e. apply now for a place next term

If you apply and get your code in this period:	Your child will become entitled to their funded hours from:
1 January – 31 March	the start of the summer term (April)
1 April – 31 August	the start of the autumn term (September)
1 September – 31 December	the start of the spring term (January)

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Application National Helpline: **0300 1234 097**

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