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# Funded childcare for 9 month - 23 month olds

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Eligible working families can now apply for 30 hours of childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months until they reach school age.

You could still be eligible even if you are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave or if you are unable to work.

If you are a foster carer who works and you meet the eligibility criteria you can apply for 30 hours funded childcare. Please speak with the child's social worker.

[Apply for a code](#)

## When to apply

We recommend you apply **no more than 3 months** before you're eligible to claim.

You must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts. You must reconfirm your code every 3 months, even if you have not started funded childcare.

Must be 9 months old by:	Date child is eligible for funding from:	Recommended time to apply:
31 August	1 September - autumn term	15 June to 31 July
31 December	1 January - spring term	15 October to 30 November
31 March	1 April - summer term	15 January to 28 February

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