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How you can be part of the new 30 hour initiative

The government is committed to the universal entitlement for free early education for all 3 and 4 year olds children. All families with a 3 and 4 year old child will still be eligible for the universal offer of free early education of up to 15 hour per week over 38 weeks or up to 570 hours taken throughout the year.

In addition, from September 2017 the government are introducing a new entitlement that will provide an additional 15 hours per week or 570 hours per year of free childcare for children that are eligible.

The new extended entitlement to 30 hours free childcare is intended to support working parents with the cost of childcare and enable parents, where they wish, to return to work or to work additional hours. It can, where early years providers can offer it and if parents would like, be taken all year round and the hours allocated pro rata.

Eligibility

If you are on the [Ofsted Early Years Register](#) and the Blackpool Directory of providers then you can deliver the extended entitlement.

If you are a Blackpool childminder or newly registered provider and want to start delivering the free entitlement grant and are not already signed up on this you can contact us on freentitlement@blackpool.gov.uk.

Not all providers have to or will be able to offer the full extended entitlement to all their parents. Even if you can't offer the full 30 hours, you may wish to offer some additional hours. [Guidance 30 Hours Free Childcare Eligibility](#).

Shared care and partnerships

You may wish to look at solutions such as shared care and wrap around care to enable parents to take up the extended entitlement at more than one setting, including your own.

Some early years providers already have partnership arrangements with other local early years providers and are members of the Blackpool childcare partners scheme. The scheme supports children's centres, private and voluntary day nurseries, academies and schools to work in partnership to ensure that parents have access to quality childcare that meets their needs.

Finding a provider

Parents will be encouraged to find details of all early years and childcare provision on the [FYi Directory](#) where they can search for their nearest provider by entering their home postcode or provider type.

As an early years providers you may wish to regularly check and update their information so that parents are as informed as possible about the early years provision that is available locally and you can advertise any vacancies you have.

You may also want make sure you put your website link on your FYi record, and if you want to put a link from your website to the FYi Directory please contact fis@blackpool.gov.uk for more details.

Child application process

Parents apply for the funding on [Gov.uk](#)

Parents will be able to apply prior to the 'go live' date in September 2017 for 30 hours for children who are already eligible for the 15 hours entitlement and for any child who will have their 3rd birthday between 1 April and 31 August 2017.

Parents will receive an 11 digit code which they will take to providers. Providers will validate the code through the Blackpool Childcare Providers online portal which is currently under construction.

Training and an operational guide will be provided.

Funding

The funding rate will be the same for both the universal 15 hours and the 30 hours extended childcare. Providers will be notified individually of the rate they will receive.

Payment

All Blackpool childcare providers will be paid monthly using the current processes.

The account statements and registration form will be updated along with the 'Providers Guide to the free entitlement' and the directory of providers funding agreement in line with the proposed model agreement and the new statutory guidance when it is published in Summer 2017.

Tax-free childcare

Tax-Free childcare will be launched from early 2017.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/providers/>

Providers need to sign up to receive payments from parents for their non-funded hours.

Throughout September and October 2016, letters were sent to regulated and approved childcare providers across the UK, asking you to [sign up online](#).

Parents info

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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