

## 30 hours free child care - Eligibility Criteria

- both parents must be working (or the sole parent must be working in a lone parent family), each parent must earn a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or living wage, and less than £100,000 per year
- working will include employed and self-employed persons
- in general families where one parent does not work will not be eligible for these additional hours but will still be eligible for the first 15 hours
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity or paternity leave
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on adoption leave
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay
- one parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring or one parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits

## How do I check my eligibility?

- there is an online portal for checking eligibility at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)
- parents will be able to apply for both Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare through a joint application system
- parents will be expected to inform HMRC of any change in circumstance that may affect their eligibility