

Eligibility for the free early education entitlement for two-year-olds, and the Early Years Pupil Premium under Universal Credit

What has changed?

For the free early education entitlement for two-year-olds, we are introducing a **net earnings threshold of £15,400 to come into force from 1st April 2018.**

For the EYPP, we are introducing a **net earnings threshold of £7,400, to come into force from 1st April 2018.**

When will it change?

These regulations come into force on 1st April 2018.

Two-year-old entitlement changes EYPP changes Changes affecting both entitlements

What does it mean for me?

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How does eligibility work now?

Instead of all families on Universal Credit being eligible for the two-year-old entitlement, only those with net earnings under £15,400 (assessed by the claimant's take home pay from up to 3 of their last Universal Credit assessment periods) will be eligible. **No other eligibility criteria has changed.**

Instead of all families on Universal Credit being eligible for the EYPP, only those with net earnings under £7,400 (assessed by the claimant's take home pay from up to 3 of their last Universal Credit assessment periods) will be eligible. **No other eligibility criteria has changed.**

What evidence do I now need to do a manual check?

You will need to ask parents to provide their latest three Universal Credit monthly statements. You can then use these to do a manual eligibility check.

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Where can I find out more?

We have issued amended [early education and childcare statutory guidance](#) which sets out more detail on the changes and the manual checking process that you will need to follow. Contact your local authority if you require any further information.

We have issued amended [Local Authority Funding of Providers](#) guidance which sets out more detail on the changes and the manual checking process that you will need to follow. Contact your local authority if you require any further information.