

Help paying for your childcare

Government help with childcare costs for parents

AGE 3-4 YEARS		
ALL FAMILIES*		
15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS
NOW	SEPT 2024	SEPT 2025

AGE 2 YEARS		
ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING SOME ADDITIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT*		
15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS
NOW	SEPT 2024	SEPT 2025

*38 weeks per year eligibility criteria applies. Providers may ask for additional charges.

AGE 3-4 YEARS		
ELIGIBLE WORKING PARENTS*		
30 HOURS	30 HOURS	30 HOURS
NOW	SEPT 2024	SEPT 2025

AGE 2 YEARS		
ELIGIBLE WORKING PARENTS*		
15 HOURS	15 HOURS	30 HOURS
NOW	SEPT 2024	SEPT 2025

AGE 9-23 MONTHS	
ELIGIBLE WORKING PARENTS*	
15 HOURS	30 HOURS
SEPT 2024	SEPT 2025

In England, all parents and carers of 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours a week childcare support with registered childcare providers. Eligible working parents and carers of children aged 3-4 can also get an additional 15 hours childcare support, bringing their total up to 30 hours a week.

Some eligible parents of 2-year-old children may also be entitled to 15 hours childcare support, if they receive some additional form of government support.

The government childcare expansion:

From April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, eligible working parents with children aged over 9 months up to 5 years will be entitled up to 30 hours of childcare support per week.

The expansion phases explained:

From April 2024: Eligible working parents of 2 year olds will be able to access up to 15 hours of government funded childcare support.

From September 2024: Eligible working parents of children over 9 month olds will be able to access up to 15 hours of government funded childcare support.

From September 2025: Eligible working parents of children aged over 9 months - 5 years will be entitled to up to 30 hours of government funded childcare per week.

Your 15 or 30 hours can be used for 38 weeks of the year (term-time) or you may be able to stretch your hours over some of the holidays by using less hours each week during term time.

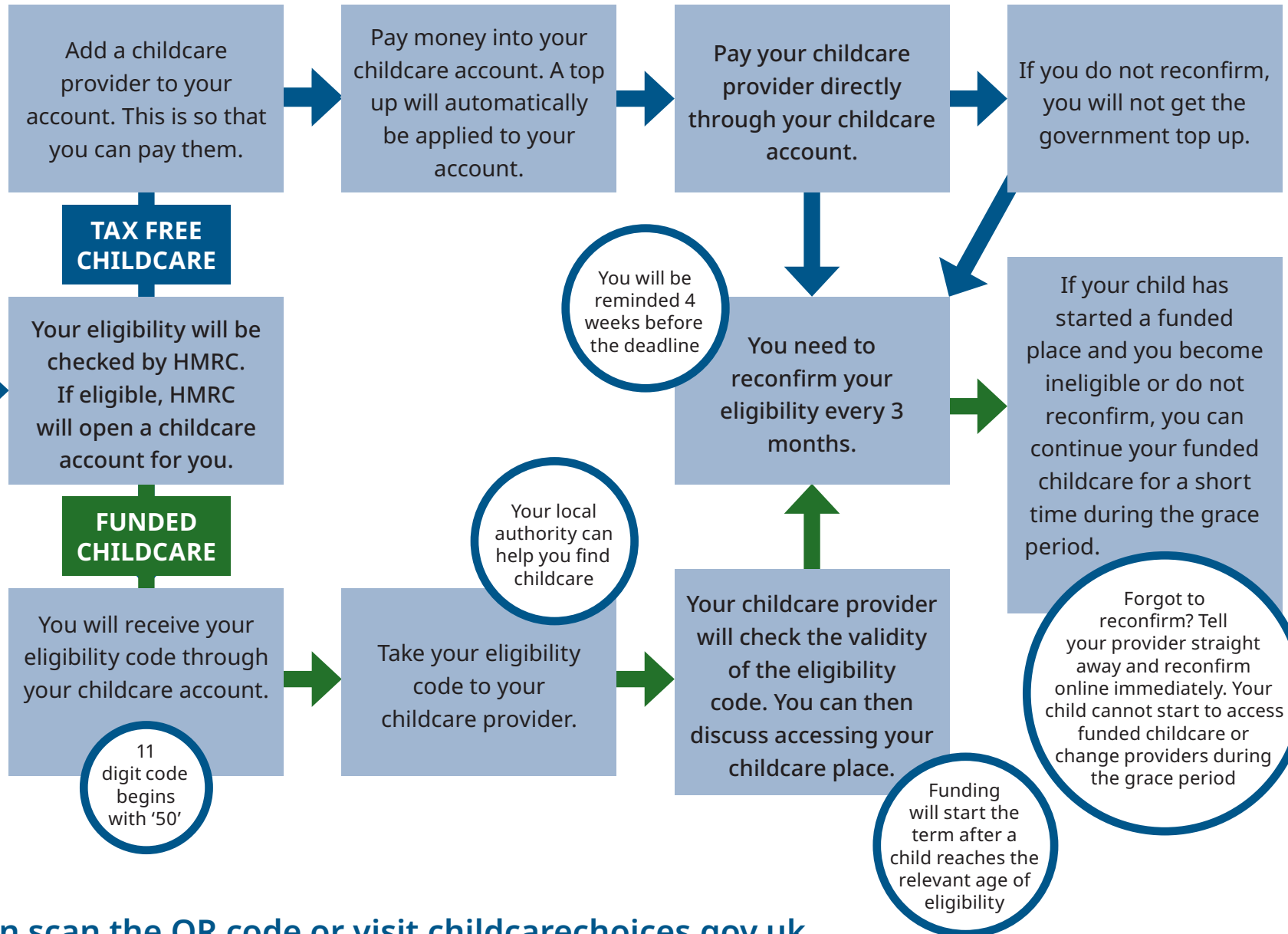
Check with your childcare provider to find out how they deliver government funded childcare in their setting. Please note, providers may ask for charges in addition to the funded childcare.

You may also be able to use Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credits whilst claiming your 15 or 30 hours of government funded childcare support.



Information for eligible working parents

How to apply for government funding childcare and Tax Free Childcare



For more information scan the QR code or visit childcarechoices.gov.uk