

## **Government Early Years Entitlement for 2-year-olds**

Your 2-year-old can get the Government funding if you live in England and get one of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments

Tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax

The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they:

Are looked after by a local authority.

Have a statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan.

Get Disability Living Allowance.

Have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order.

You may have to pay for extra costs like meals, nappies or trips.

If you're a non-EEA citizen who cannot claim benefits

Your 2-year-old may get free childcare if you are getting support under the Immigration and Asylum Act and have either:

Claimed asylum in the UK and are waiting for a decision (known as 'part 6').

Been refused asylum in the UK (known as 'section 4').

A 2-year-old you care for may also get free childcare if your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, and you have any of the following:

Leave to remain with 'no recourse to public funds' on family or private life grounds.

Support from your local council because you have 'a child in need', for example they have a disability or a child protection plan.

The right to live in the UK because you're the main carer of a British citizen (known as a 'Zambrano Carer').

Check with your local council if you're unsure if you can get free childcare.