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## Free Early Years Childcare Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds (including 30 hours free childcare)

### The Offer

| UK                                                                                             | Overseas                                                                                                                                       |
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| 15 hours for children aged 3 and 4; 30 hours for working parents                               | In MOD Schools/settings, 15 and 30 hours free childcare can be accessed free of charge. Parents to apply via relevant nursery setting.         |
| Scotland –16 hours free childcare, increasing to 30 hours for all parents by August 2020       |                                                                                                                                                |
| Wales – 30 hours free early education/ childcare for working parents for 48 weeks of the year. | In Non-MOD schools/settings parents can claim a refund by means of Overseas Nursery Authority, <b>ONA DIN accessible via Defence Intranet.</b> |
| Northern Ireland –12.5 hours per week of free preschool education.                             |                                                                                                                                                |

Issues applying online? Call Childcare Service Helpline on 0300 123 4097 to request a manual code

Useful Links - <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>; [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### What Parents need to do:

- Register early with CEAS if posted abroad with children
- If moving within the UK, check out what the local offer is prior to moving to avoid missing out on free hours
- Engage with nurseries early

### Eligibility

Every parent with children aged 3 and 4 years old is eligible for the basic free childcare entitlement from the term following their child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

#### 30 hours free childcare

The additional entitlement, where offered, is only available to working parents who can answer "yes" to the following:

- Do both you and your partner work 16 hours per week or more (NMW/NLW?)
- Is your individual annual employment income below £100,000.00?
- Are you a single parent?
- Are you on paid maternity leave?
- Are you a registered carer?

In overseas locations, very reasonably practicable to do so, MOD will mirror entitlements which parents would have access to in England to ensure they are not disadvantaged. Please read 30 hours free childcare DIN for full details.