

PACEY is the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years.

We are a charity dedicated to supporting everyone working in childcare and early years to provide high quality care and early learning for children and families.

By choosing a childcarer who is a member of PACEY, you can be sure that they've made a commitment to their professionalism and the quality of childcare they provide.

For more information about PACEY go to pacey.org.uk

Start your childcare search at searchchildcare.org.uk the completely free childcare directory, provided by PACEY

High quality childcare can help you build a bright future for your child

30
hours
childcare



What parents need to know

What is 30 hours funded childcare?

3- and 4-years olds of working parents in England are entitled to 30 hours per week of government-funded childcare during term time (38 weeks of the year).

This can be 'stretched' to 1,140 hours across the year to include school holidays and weekends.

Am I eligible?

To qualify, each parent (or the sole parent in a single parent family) needs to earn, on average, at least the equivalent of 16 hours on the national living/minimum wage per week (£120 per week for those aged 25 or over), and no more than £100,000 per year.

How do I sign up?

You must apply for the 30-hour entitlement through the Government's childcare service the term before you plan to start receiving it.

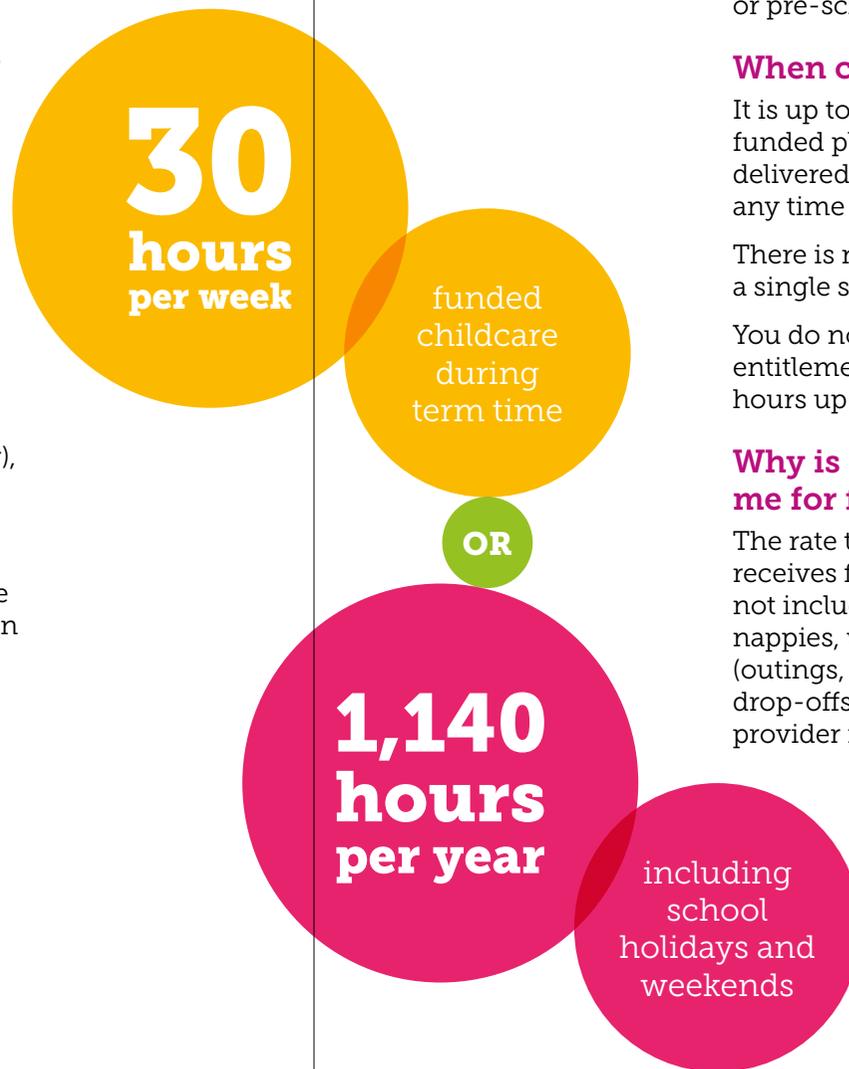
You can find more information at childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Which childcare providers can I use?

You can take up a funded place with any provider on Ofsted's Early Years Register, including childminders, day nurseries, playgroups, pre-schools and nursery schools.

You cannot take up your funded place with a nanny (even an Ofsted-registered one).

Your provider should have a 'good' or 'outstanding' grade from Ofsted. Providers with a lower grade will only be able to provide free places at the discretion of their local authority.



Can I use more than one provider?

You can split your funded hours between up to two different providers per day, for example between a childminder and sessional nursery or pre-school.

When can I take up my funded place?

It is up to your provider when they offer funded places, but in theory they can be delivered any day of the week, even weekends, any time between 6am and 8pm.

There is no minimum session length, and a single session cannot exceed 10 hours.

You do not have to take up your full entitlement, and can take as many funded hours up to 1,140 per year as you wish.

Why is my provider charging me for food and extras?

The rate that your childcare provider receives for delivering funded places does not include consumables (meals, snacks, nappies, wipes, etc.) or additional services (outings, classes, emergency cover costs, drop-offs and pick-ups, etc.). Your childcare provider may charge you for these.

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