



## Free Childcare for 2 year olds

You may be eligible for a FREE childcare place, if you meet one of the following criteria:

**MUST be in receipt of:**

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit, provided the annual gross income is no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

**If you meet the following criteria, please provide supporting evidence:**

- Universal credit - with an annual net earnings threshold of £15,400 (based on calculating earnings on a monthly basis)
- If the child is looked after by the Local Authority
- If the child has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan
- If the child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- If the child has left care through special guardianship or through an adoption or residence order
- If you are excluded from claiming public funds as a consequence of your immigration status, or your lack of immigration status; and are in receipt of support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989

If:

- You are a Zambrano Carer
- You have the right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and are subject to no recourse to public funds
- You are supported under s4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

### When is my child eligible for a free place?

| If your child's second birthday falls between: | Your child will become eligible for a free place from: |
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| 1 January and 31 March                         | The start of the Summer term (April)                   |
| 1 April and 31 August                          | The start of the Autumn term (September)               |
| 1 September and 31 December                    | The start of the Spring term (January)                 |

### The entitlement

Eligible children are entitled up to 570 hours annually which equates to 3 hours per day - term time (although this can be stretched over more weeks if agreed with the family and childcare provider).

### When can I apply?

You can apply online at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childcare) or you may be able to ask your childcare provider to apply on your behalf.

**For more information or to apply on line go to: [www.cumbria.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childcare) or telephone: 03457 125 737**

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