Are you eligible for 30 hours for your 3 or 4 year old?

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30 Hour Information

Leaflet for Parents

Contact Details

<u>Nursery Funding Team Email</u> –
free34formsubmission@eygloucestershire.co.uk

<u>HMRC 30 Hour Contact</u> - 0300 123 4097

<u>Family Information Team</u> – 01452 427362

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Information for Parents/Guardians

- You can apply for a 30 hours funding eligibility code up to 16 weeks before your child's 3rd birthday.

- You must ensure that you apply for your code before the following deadline dates:
    - 31st December - to claim funding in the Spring term
    - 31st March - to claim funding in the Summer term
    - 31st August - to claim funding in the Autumn term

- To apply for a code and to renew your code please visit https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account

- You must renew your code every 3 months to ensure it remains valid.

- HMRC will send a reminder via email or text when you need to renew your code.

- Once you receive you eligibility code you must ensure that you give your code to your childcare provider to receive the funding.

- Each 30 hour code comes with a grace period. This allows for the funding to continue for a limited period of time, if you cease to meet the eligibility criteria, i.e., if you loose your job.

- If you only want to use a maximum of 15 hours funding per week then you don't need to apply for a 30 hours funding code.

- Tax free childcare is a different scheme to the 30 hours funding but it can be used alongside the 30 hours funding. You have to apply and renew them separately.

- Permanent eligibility codes start with 500 however, temporary codes start with 11 and codes for foster children start with 400.

- To apply for an eligibility code for a foster child, the social worker and foster parents must apply by contacting FIS on 01452 427362.

- You can split your 30 hours funding between a maximum of 2 providers per day.

- You don't have to use the full 30 hours of funding.

- More details can be found at https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/