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Nursery Education in Scotland

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Nursery Provision

Early learning and childcare is free to all children and it is funded by the Scottish Government.

You can get up to 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare a year which works around 30 hours a week in term time.

This is offered to all children at the age of 3 and 4 years. Some 2 year olds are also eligible.

Your child's start date will depend on their birthday:

Birthday	When your child can start funded early learning and childcare
Between 1 March and 31 August	August (autumn term)
Between 1 September and 31 December	January (spring term)
Between 1 January and last day February	March or April (summer term)

How should early learning and childcare hours be applied?

This depends on what is available by your local authority.

Examples of early learning and childcare settings where you can use the hours include:

- Day nurseries and nursery schools
- Nursery classes in primary and independent schools
- Playgroups
- Childminders
- Child and family and community childcare centres.

Once your child qualifies for early learning and childcare, they'll stay qualified - even if you get a job or if your situation changes in other ways.

Local councils may offer funded early learning and childcare to people who do not meet the criteria on this page.

How to apply

The application for the funded hours is determined by your child's birthday and the process of your local authority as each local authority can vary.

Some local authorities only accept applications during specific times of the year which can be up to a year in advance.

However, if you miss the deadline, your child will still be entitled to the hours but you may miss out on your preferred setting.

The deadline may change each year.

To apply: https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/early-years/admission-to-early-learning-and-childcare/nursery_places/.





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