Childcare funding for learners in England - eligibility checker

Learning new skills and updating existing skills through learning or training can open new employment opportunities for individuals. The Government’s vision is that all families who need provision will have access to affordable, flexible, high-quality childcare that meets their particular circumstances.

Support is available to help the costs of childcare for learners.

1. Your age
   - Under 18
   - 18 to 21
   - 21 and over

2. Your personal circumstances
   - You meet all of the following criteria, you may be eligible for childcare funding whilst you are in learning.
   - You are not employed
   - Your partner is employed
   - Your partner is a student
   - Your partner is a learner

3. What you could get
   - Depending on which funding type you are eligible for, the funding and supporting programs may be different.

4. How to apply
   - You may also be eligible for...
   - Other funding for learning
   - Childcare Funding for 30 hours
   - Other benefits
   - Further advice and support

5. More information
   - About childcare funding for learners
   - About learning and skills
   - About childcare provision

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**About this eligibility checker**

There are different courses of Government supported childcare funding which learners may be eligible for. It is important to establish which is the most suitable.

An overview of the eligibility criteria for the Learner and Skills Council (LSC) and Investors in People are provided here. Contact the appropriate organisations for specific information about particular programmes and schemes that might apply.

The programmes outlined here are for learners in England. Care to Learn is available to young people aged 18-24 years old in these programmes. Check with your Learners' Centre. For other programmes, the individual child must be ordinarily resident in England for the last 3 years, and not be an adult student, unless they have residence status or an exemption to this rule.

The funding mentioned here is only available for eligible registered childminders. In most cases, individuals can choose the type of childcare that best suits them and their child, whose costs will be paid in accordance with the scheme guidance for further information.

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