

# Government help with Early Years Education and Childcare Costs

Working Parent Entitlement Age 9 months and over		2-Year-old Funding for Eligible Families	3 and 4 Universal Offer
Eligible working parents*		Eligible families receiving some additional form of Government support*	All families*
15 hours	30 hours	15 hours	15 hours
Up to August 2025	From September 2025	<p>2-year-olds may be eligible for up to 15 hours of government funding childcare if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are in receipt of: Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)</li> <li>You are in receipt of Universal Credit and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments.</li> <li>You receive the guaranteed element of Pension Credit.</li> <li>The child has an Educational Health and Care plan (EHCP)</li> <li>The child is looked after by the Local Authority, has been adopted or has left care through special guardianship or child arrangement orders.</li> </ul> <p>To apply for 2 year old funding, please visit <a href="http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/earlyeducationplaces">www.northyorks.gov.uk/earlyeducationplaces</a></p>	<p>All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of government funded childcare, irrespective of family income level, benefits status or family circumstances.</p>

\*Funding is available for 38 weeks per year and parents may be required to pay additional charges.

## Government Funding

Funding begins the term after the child turns the relevant age. Your 15 or 30 hours can be used for 38 weeks of the year (term-time) or you may be able to stretch your hours over some of the holidays by using less hours each week during term time. Check with your early years provider to find out how they deliver government funded childcare in their setting. Please note, providers may ask for consumable charges in addition to the funded childcare offer.

## Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit childcare

Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit childcare may be used whilst claiming your 15 or 30 hours of government funded childcare support. To see eligibility criteria for any of the government funding options, please scan the QR code or visit [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk).

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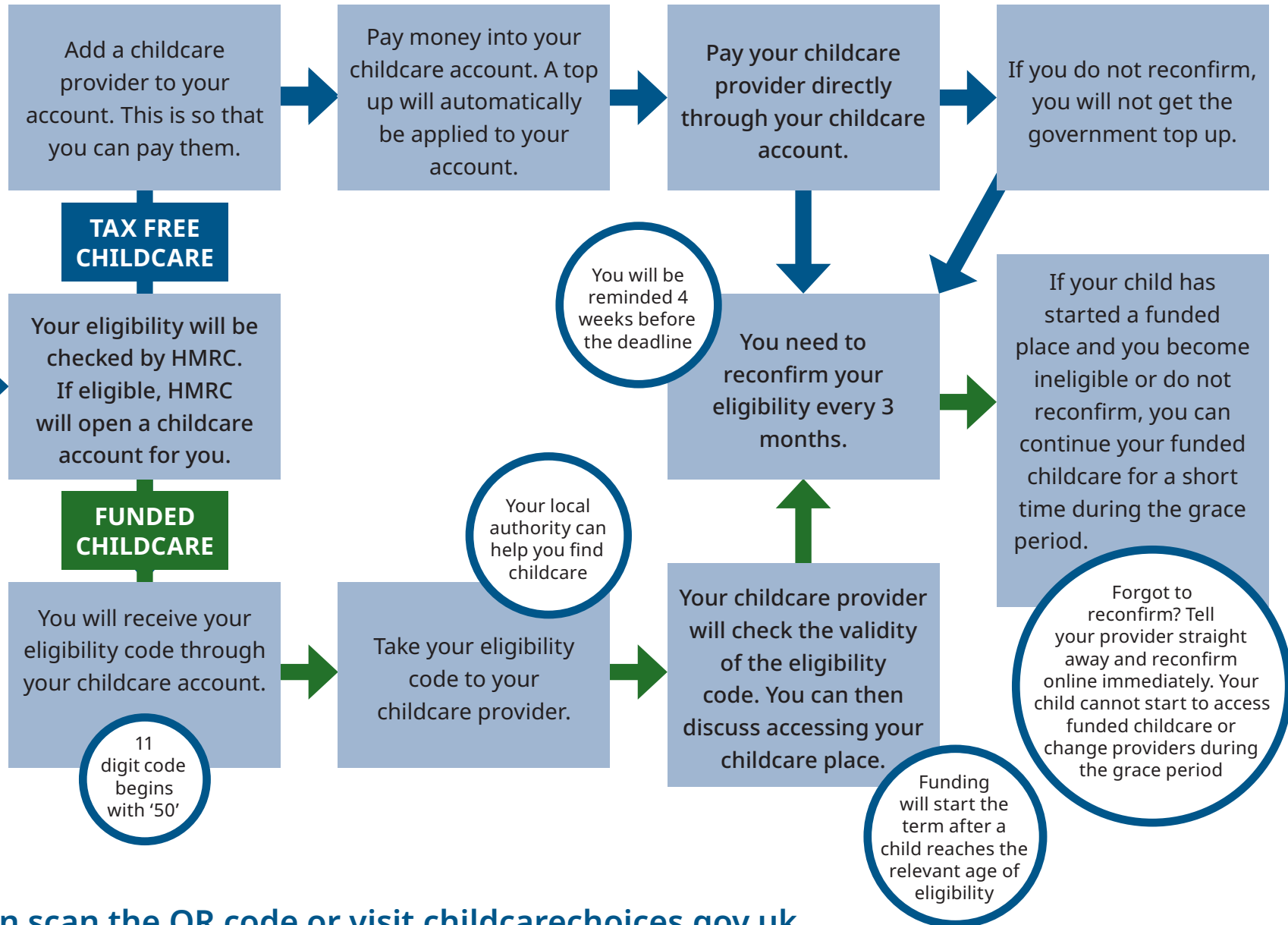
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For help with finding childcare in North Yorkshire,  
contact The Families Information Service:  
[fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk)



# Information for eligible working parents

## How to apply for government funding childcare and Tax Free Childcare



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