



Do I have to take all of the funded hours?

No, you can choose to access all or part of the 1,140 hours available to you.

What do I have to do now?

Your local authority will have its own application process and dates – which means you might have to apply soon depending on your local authority. Contact them to find out when and how to apply.

Why Early Learning and Childcare?

Early Learning and Childcare gives your wee one a real boost in confidence and independence, as well as building on their language and development. It's a great way for them to make friends and play with lots of other children, while learning new things.

It can also give you the time to develop your skills, go back to work, get stuff done around the house, or even just to recharge your batteries.

Where can I find out more?

To find out more about what you're entitled to, the benefits of Early Learning and Childcare, or to find details for your local authority, visit parentclub.scot/elc

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What's changing?

From August 2020 the Scottish Government is increasing the number of funded hours your child can get in Early Learning and Childcare from 600 hours to 1,140 hours a year, and giving you more choice on when and where you can use it.

That means about 30 hours a week during school term time or around 22 hours a week if you take it all year round. The increase in funded hours will be available to all three and four year olds, and some two year olds.

What's happening now?

Between now and August 2020, local authorities are phasing in the extra hours in different ways. So you might be able to get some more hours, depending on your local authority.

What's being offered in this 'phasing period' might be a bit different from what's on offer from August 2020. For more information on how the extra hours are being rolled out in your area, contact your local authority.



Where can my child get their hours?

From August 2020 any provider who meets the new National Standard, has a space available and is happy to enter into a contract with the local authority can offer your child a funded place. Each setting will be different and it is best to ask what they offer.

These settings could include:

- Nurseries - for example, a private nursery or the nursery attached to the local school
- Childminders
- Outdoor settings
- Gaelic or specialised settings
- Playgroups
- Or a mixture of the above

Your child might be able to access:

- Full days
- Part days
- School days
- Term time or year round
- More than one provider

This depends on what's available in your area.



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