



Ministry
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30 hours free childcare

Working parents with children aged 3 and 4 years have now been able to access 30 hours free childcare in England and in overseas locations since 1 September 2017.

30 hours free childcare codes issued by HMRC are not valid for use overseas.

Childcare Choices

To ensure eligible Service personnel and MOD Civilians have access to 30 hours free childcare overseas, the MOD (not HMRC) administers and funds 30 hours free childcare, either free of charge in MOD settings or by means of Overseas Nursery Allowance (ONA) in isolated areas. Relevant DINs can be accessed via the Defence Intranet;

**30 hours free childcare
ONA**

**DIN 201701-122
DIN 2017DIN01-167**

Posted back to England?

If you are currently claiming 30 hours free childcare overseas and are due to return to England in the near future, you should visit the Childcare Choices website (www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to register and apply for a 30 hours childcare code.

Parents experiencing any issues with obtaining a code should contact the HMRC helpline on **0300 123 4097**. In some cases, parents are unable to sign-up online and if eligible, HMRC will be able to issue a manual code.