

Provider guide to checking validity of 30 hours eligibility codes



Parents will apply for 30 hours free childcare through the digital **childcare service**. Parents will give you their **30 hours eligibility code** to take up their 30 hours place.



You will need to **validate the code** with your local authority using the DfE Eligibility Checking System (ECS). To do this, you need:

1

30 hours code
(5000xxxxxx)

2

Parent's National
Insurance Number

3

Child's Date of
Birth



Contact your LA to validate code

Your LA will have their
own process for this



OR

Validate code yourself

Your LA will have their own
online portal for you to
use



**Inform parent their code is valid
and secure 30 hours place**



Your LA will let you know when a parent is no longer eligible for 30 hours and tell you when their grace period ends. A parent may also let you know when they are no longer eligible. You only need to take action once your LA tells you which parents are no longer eligible.

