

DISC Applying for Early Years Entitlement

Applying for Early Years Entitlement gives you 15 hours free early education and childcare each week for up to 38 weeks of the year for all 3 and 4 year old children.

When is my child eligible?

Child born between:	Entitled from start of:
1 April and 31 August	autumn term after their third birthday until they go to school
1 September and 31 December	spring term after their third birthday until they go to school
1 January and 31 March	summer term after their third birthday until they go to school

Where can my child get the Early Years Entitlement?

Your child can get the Early Years Entitlement at:

- **pre-schools and playgroups**
- **day nurseries**
- **nursery classes** in independent schools, in academies or in schools maintained by the local authority
- **nursery schools**, either private or maintained by the local authority
- **childminders** who are registered Specialist Childminders in Early Learning.

You can find more information about these different types of provision and search for childcare that offers the Early Years Entitlement in your area at

www.devon.gov.uk/disc-aboutchildcare

What to do next

You may already be using childcare where you can take up the entitlement once your child is old enough.

If you are not already using childcare or planning to move childcarer, you need to decide where you want your child to go. You can find full information on registered childcarers in Devon at www.devon.gov.uk/disc or call **0845 155 1013**.

There are tips on how to choose the best setting for you and your child in our ***Choosing Childcare factsheet***.

You must then contact your chosen setting or school direct. They will tell you how to apply for a place.

When your child has a place at the setting or school they will then apply to the local authority for your child's Early Years Entitlement.

You do not apply for the funding yourself.