

Is my child eligible for a free place?



You can claim a free place for your child if you qualify under any of the criteria listed below:

Since **April 2013**, Newham families with two-year-olds are eligible if they receive one or more of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income not over £16,190, **or**
- your child is looked after by the council or have a child protection plan.

From **April 2014**, Newham families with two-year-olds are also eligible if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Working Tax Credits and earn no more than £16,190 a year
- Disability Living Allowance
- child with a current statement of special educational needs (SEN)
- or an education, health and care plan **or**
- left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order.

When is my child entitled to a free place?

If your child's second birthday is between:

1 January – 31 March

1 April – 31 August

1 September – 31 December

He/she will become entitled to a free place from:

the start of the summer term (after Easter)

the start of the autumn term (early September)

the start of the spring term (early January)



For further information visit
www.newham.gov.uk/twoyearoldchildcare