



Free Early Education Entitlement for Eligible 3 & 4-Year-Olds

EYR2 – How to find your 30 Hours Code if you have already applied

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Some parents have found it difficult to find the 11 digit code once they have successfully applied online. Here is a step-by-step guide to show you how to find it again:

Step 1

Click on this link to open the website - <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

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Access childcare support through the childcare service

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1. How it works

Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare are two separate government schemes, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply for both through one online application – the childcare service.

To qualify for either scheme, parents must be working and each earning at least £120 a week (on average) and not more than £100,000 each a year.

Check what help you could get with childcare costs
[Childcare calculator](#)

Find out more about Tax-Free Childcare for childcare providers
[Read the childcare provider guidance](#)

Find out more about Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare for parents
[Read the parent guidance](#)

Elsewhere on GOV.UK
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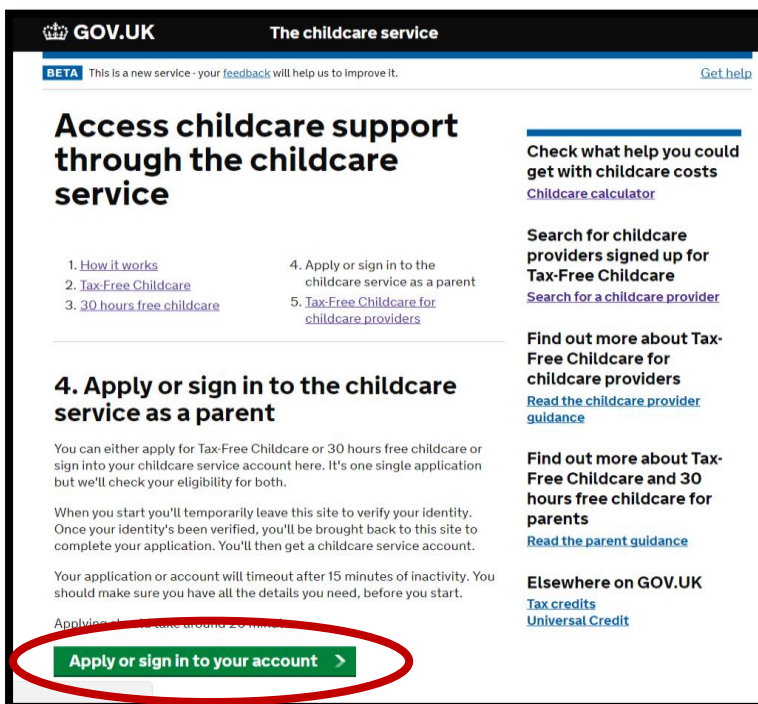
Step 2

Click on number “[4. Apply or sign in to the childcare service as a parent](#)”



Step 3

Click on the green button at the bottom of the screen labelled ‘Apply or sign in to your account’ (as shown below)



Step 4

Click 'NO' to the question about being 'part of a trial' and then click the green button labelled 'Continue'.



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Were you invited to use this service as part of the trial?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

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Step 5

Enter your youngest child's date of birth and then click the green button labelled 'Continue'.



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Enter the date of birth of your youngest child

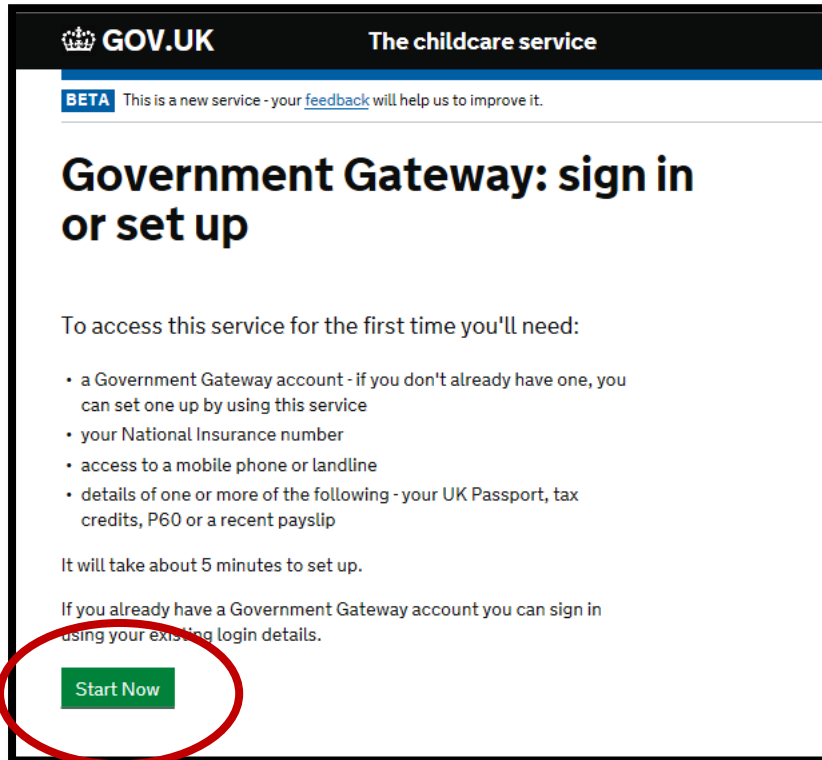
Date of birth
For example, 24 04 1997

Day Month Year

[Continue](#)

Step 6

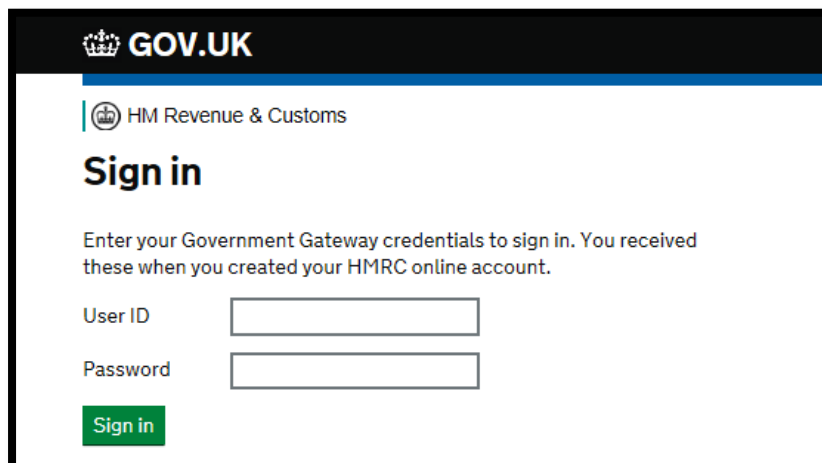
Click on the green button labelled 'Start Now'



The screenshot shows the top of a GOV.UK page for 'The childcare service'. A blue banner at the top left contains the text 'BETA This is a new service - your [feedback](#) will help us to improve it.' Below this is the main heading 'Government Gateway: sign in or set up'. A sub-heading reads 'To access this service for the first time you'll need:' followed by a bulleted list of requirements: a Government Gateway account, a National Insurance number, access to a mobile phone or landline, and details of one or more of the following (UK Passport, tax credits, P60 or a recent payslip). It states 'It will take about 5 minutes to set up.' Below that, it says 'If you already have a Government Gateway account you can sign in using your existing login details.' At the bottom left, a green button labeled 'Start Now' is circled in red.

Step 7

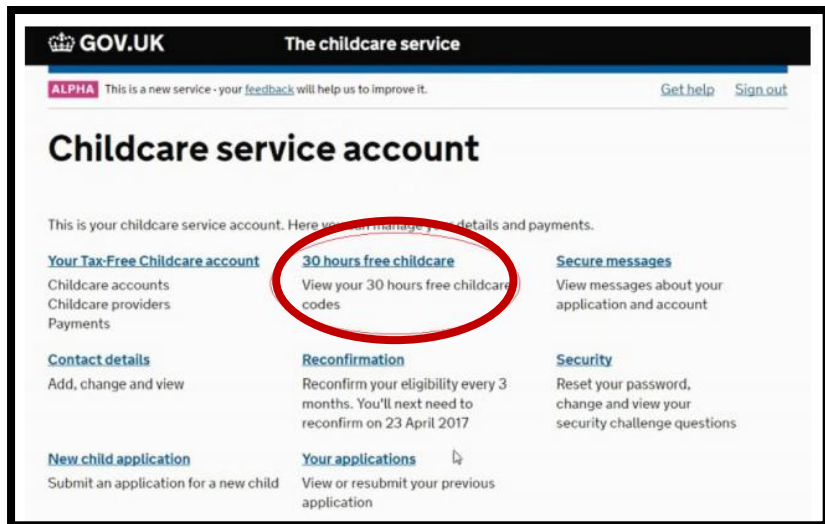
Enter your Government Gateway User ID and Password and then click the green button labelled 'Sign in'



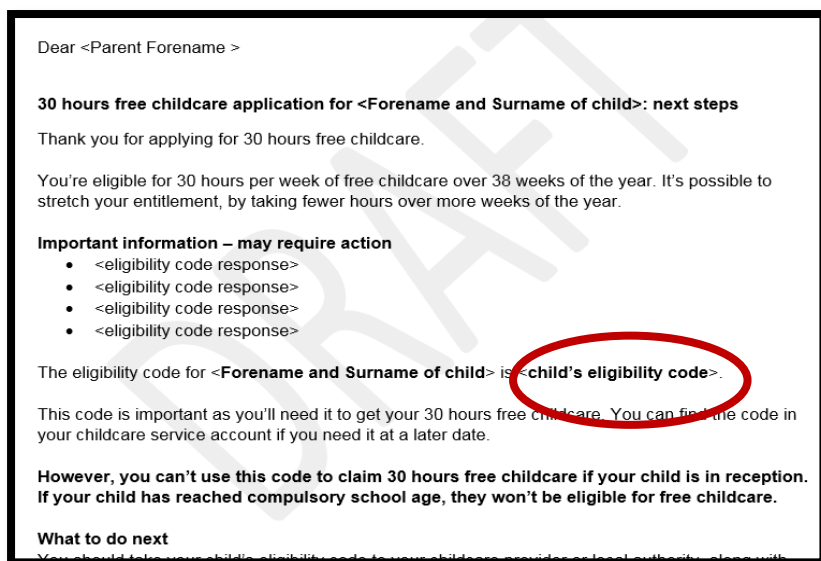
The screenshot shows the sign-in page for HM Revenue & Customs. The header includes the GOV.UK logo and 'HM Revenue & Customs'. The main heading is 'Sign in'. Below this is the instruction: 'Enter your Government Gateway credentials to sign in. You received these when you created your HMRC online account.' There are two input fields: 'User ID' and 'Password'. At the bottom left, a green button labeled 'Sign in' is visible.

Step 8

Your childcare account will now be displayed. Click '30 hours free childcare' to see your 11 digit code, which usually starts with '5000...'



Or you can click on 'Secure messages' where you will see a message that looks like this (this would be populated with your information).



Please note that a small number of parents will have been issued with a temporary code which starts "11..." These will only have been issued over the phone by HMRC and parents will have received a letter containing this from HMRC too.

If you are still struggling to access your account, please contact HMRC's call centre

on **0300 123 4097**