**Key Points:**

1. If a child qualifies for EYPP then the child would remain eligible till they receive the free early year’s entitlement.
2. If a child qualifies for EYPP under more than one set of criteria they will only attract the funding once.
3. Once the child enters reception, they will no longer be eligible for the EYPP, but may become eligible for the Pupil Premium. Eligibility for EYPP does not lead automatically to eligibility for Pupil Premium when the child starts school.
4. An EYPP eligibility check should not be made more than a term in advance of the child taking up their free entitlement in case the family’s circumstances change.
5. Local authorities should follow a different process for checking the eligibility of children who:

• have been adopted from local authority care

• have left care through a special guardianship order

• have left care through a child arrangements order

Local authorities will not be able to check such eligibility through the department’s eligibility checking system. Instead, the parents, adoptive parents or guardians of these children should show authorities evidence of the court order that proves that the child was formally in local authority care in either England or Wales.

1. **Any child under special circumstances will be verified by the Local Authority. For further queries on this contact: Stuart.Milne@wokingham.gov.uk**

**Eligibility Criteria**

A child will be eligible for EYPP if the child receives either:

* the universal 15 hours entitlement for 3 and 4-year-olds

or

* the 15 hours entitlement for disadvantaged 2-year-olds

or

* from April 2024, the 15 hours entitlement for children aged 2 years of working parents

or

* from September 2024, the 15 hours entitlement for children aged 9 months to 2-years-old of working parents

**and** they meet any of the following criteria:

* their family gets one of the following:
  + [Income Support](https://www.gov.uk/income-support)
  + income-based [Jobseeker’s Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance)
  + income-related [Employment and Support Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance)
  + support under [part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1999/33/part/VI)
  + the guaranteed element of [State Pension Credit](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit)
  + [Child Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit), provided they are not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
  + [Working Tax Credit](https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit) run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for working tax credit
  + [Universal Credit](https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit) (household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits - this is assessed on up to 3 of the parent’s most recent universal credit assessment periods) - further guidance on checking eligibility is set out below
* they are currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
* they have left care in England or Wales through:
  + an adoption order
  + a special guardianship order
  + a child arrangements order

If a child qualifies for EYPP under more than one set of criteria, they will only attract the funding once.

EYPP is not payable on the additional 15 hours entitlement for 3 and 4-year-old children of working parents.

Source: [Early years entitlements: local authority funding operational guide 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-funding-2024-to-2025/early-years-entitlements-local-authority-funding-operational-guide-2024-to-2025#early-years-pupil-premium-eypp)

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