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## Overseas Nursery Allowance (ONA)

### The Offer

If the eligibility criteria are met, parents can apply for a refund for up to 30 hours' free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year	15 and 30 hours' free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds is provided free of charge in MOD schools and nurseries overseas.
ONA covers any compulsory costs occurred by parents – registration fee, processing fee. Optional summer camps are not covered.	When posted to a country where the statutory school age is later, 30 hours of ONA can be claimed to replicate reception hours

***If you are applying for 30 hours' free childcare by means of ONA, you will need to complete Annex A to the 30 hours DIN and submit to Army Res with your application for ONA.***

Useful links:

[ONA DIN](#)

[30 hours' free childcare DIN](#)

### What Parents need to do:

- Identify a suitable setting
- Submit application to Army Res including proof of employment if applying for 30 hours
- Provide supporting evidence for any request over and above your entitlement (Annex B to ONA DIN has to be forwarded to Army Res)

### Eligibility:

Who can apply?

- Regular Service personnel including FTRS (FC) and entitled MOD Civilians
- Children qualify from the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday

You can't use ONA:

- When MOD settings with capacity can be accessed
- When using childminders or nannies
- Fee-paying contractors cannot apply

See ONA DIN for further information, application forms and contact details

In locations overseas, where there is no access to MOD approved childcare providers, or those providers have no availability, parents with children aged 3 and 4 can claim 15 or 30 hours' free childcare by means of ONA.