

13	15 hrs x 13 weeks = 195 hours	30 hrs x 13 weeks = 390 hours
	195	390

Autumn Term 2026 - 3 & 4 yr DOB range 01/09/2021 - 31/08/2023; 2 yr DOB range 01/09/2023 - 31/08/2024

Under 2's DOB range - 01/09/2024 - 30/11/2025

1st day of term is Tuesday 1st September, so the 14 weeks are 01/09/2026-18/12/2026 not including half term holiday in October.

Any combination of 14 weeks (70 days) is acceptable including allowing hours to be taken in school holidays

	1	2	3	4	5		5	6	7				8	9	10	11				12	13	14			
	September						October						November						December						
M	31	7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30				7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24				1	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25				2	9	16	23	30	
T	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26				3	10	17	24	31	
F	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27				4	11	18	25		
S	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28				5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	1		8	15	22	29				6	13	20	27		

Per term		
No. funded weeks (38 total)	Max hours funded (15)	Max hours funded (30)

14	15 hrs x 14 weeks = 210 hours	30 hrs x 14 weeks = 420 hours
	210	420

Spring Term 2027 - 3 & 4 yr DOB range 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2023; 2 yr DOB range 01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024

Under 2's DOB range - 01/01/2025 - 31/03/2026

1st day of term is Monday 4th January so the 11 weeks are 04/01/2027 - 25/03/2027 not including half term holiday in February

Any combination of 11 weeks (55 days) is acceptable including allowing hours to be taken in school holidays

		1	2	3	4		5	6		7		8	9	10	11								
	January						February						March						April				
M		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		
T		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		
W		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		
T		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29	
F	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30	
S	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		
S	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		

Per term		
No. funded weeks (38 total)	Max hours funded (15)	Max hours funded (30)

11	15 hrs x 11 weeks = 165 hours	30 hrs x 11 weeks = 330 hours
	165	330

1 School Holiday 2 Public Holiday 3 Administration Day 4 unfunded days

Weeks	Universal hrs	Uni & Ext hrs
13	570	1140

Further flexibility of the funding affords some local deviation from this timetable, e.g. stretched offer where funding can be used outside of term times.

NCC will pay a standard number of hours in each term so flexible approaches re start and finish dates are acceptable to enable children to access their funded hours.

Settings can decide their own pattern of funded weeks using this document as a guide which should be communicated to parents, so they know about any unfunded days.

Note: for term time only settings, there are unfunded weeks in summer 2026 & 2027 (rather than in spring)

X N.B. THESE DAYS/WEEKS ARE NOT FUNDED - see guidance notes shaded yellow above each term

If any children on your headcount are leaving to start in a school nursery or reception class at the beginning of a new term particularly under staggered start arrangements in autumn, PVI providers may not claim any funding in the same term as all the funded hours will be allocated to school.

If a parent wishes to use any childcare in a PVI setting before starting school or school nursery, then they can expect to pay the PVI setting rather than use funded hours.

In addition to funded weeks columns, please see max funded hours per term columns.

Each term we will pay out the funding to all providers on the basis of the maximum calculated hours per term (green and blue boxes above), unless you tell us your setting is open for fewer weeks than the standard weeks in the funded weeks timetable.

PVI Task and Payment Timetable 2026-27									
(please note these are subject to change - any new release of this calendar may override these payment dates)									
	Spring		Summer		Autumn			Spring	
	2026		2026		2026			2027	
Start date of term for funding purposes	05/01/2026		13/04/2026		01/09/2026			04/01/2027	
Last date of term for funding purposes	27/03/2026		20/07/2026		18/12/2026			25/03/2027	
No. weeks in term	11		13		14			11	
1st Actual task opens	01/12/2025		16/03/2026		06/07/2026			01/12/2026	
1st Actual task closes	14/12/2025		28/03/2026		02/08/2026			13/12/2026	
2nd Actual task opens	05/01/2026		13/04/2026		01/09/2026			04/01/2027	
Payment 1 received by providers	35%	05/01/2026	20%	10/04/2026	25%	01/09/2026		33%	04/01/2027
2nd Actual Task closes		18/01/2026		10/05/2026		20/09/2026			24/01/2027
Payment 2 received by providers	35%	02/02/2026	20%	05/05/2026	25%	05/10/2026		33%	01/02/2027
Payment 3 received by providers	30%	02/03/2026	20%	01/06/2026	25%	02/11/2026		34%	01/03/2027
Amendment task opens	23/02/2026		01/06/2026		02/11/2026			22/02/2027	
Amendment task closes	02/03/2026		14/06/2026		15/11/2026			03/03/2027	
Payment 4 received by providers	n/a		20%	06/07/2026	25%	07/12/2026		n/a	
Payment 5 received by providers	n/a		20%	03/08/2026	n/a			n/a	
Amendment payment received by providers		27/03/2026		28/08/2026		17/12/2026			25/03/2027
<p>If you miss a task submission date, you miss a payment and you will have to wait until the next time we process a batch of payments.</p> <p>The dates of the summer and autumn tasks may be subject to change to accommodate the new census dates from DFE.</p> <p>It is likely that the dates published here will still stand but there may also be <u>additional task windows</u> to allow providers to add new children who arrive by the census weeks</p> <p>Payments will not be made at any other times than those detailed above.</p> <p>If you take an extra child between payments, the payment will be made during the next available payment run.</p>									

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