

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE FOR ENTITLED 2 – 3 YEAR ENTITLED ELC PLACES

START OF TERM AUGUST 2026 – END OF TERM AUGUST 2027

(This applies to all Local Authority establishments / Childminders / Private, Voluntary & Independent Nurseries and must be followed)

BIRTHDAY MONTH (Must be 2 years before applying)	- APPLICATION MONTH PROOF OF BENEFIT IN THE MONTH OF - ESTABLISHMENT SUBMIT APPLICATION TO HQ IN MONTH OF - AS SOON AS RECEIVED IF AFTER BIRTHDAY MONTH		ENTITLED TERM AFTER
MARCH	FEBRUARY		AUGUST
APRIL	MARCH		
MAY	APRIL		
JUNE	MAY		
JULY	JUNE	If applying at a term time only establishment; complete the application form in the June and then submit proof in June or July direct to Education HQ	
AUGUST	JULY		
SEPTEMBER	AUGUST		JANUARY
OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER		
NOVEMBER	OCTOBER		
DECEMBER	NOVEMBER		
JANUARY	DECEMBER		APRIL
FEBRUARY	JANUARY		

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ELC APPLICATION PANEL	ADMISSIONS ALLOCATION PROCESS BY HQ	ALLOCATION OF PLACES BACK TO ESTABLISHMENTS (SPREADSHEET))	RELEASE DATE OF ELC PLACES TO PARENTS	CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPT / DECLINE ELC PLACES BY PARENTS
APPLICATION WINDOW 2				
	30 TH November – 2nd December 2026	2 nd December 2026	3 rd December 2026	17th December 2026

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APPLICATION WINDOW 3				
	1 st – 3 rd March 2027	3 rd March 2027	4 TH March 2027	18 TH March 2027