

How to apply

If you would like to take part in the WAC pilot, the application form is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childcare-for-service-children>

Service Personnel can also apply via the WAC DIN (available on Defnet).

Forward completed applications together with relevant employment evidence, to DCYP-HQ-WACP-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk. Successful applicants will receive a unique reference number which should be shared with their chosen provider. Providers should use this reference number when requesting payment.



Further information

You can find further information about the Wraparound Childcare pilot at: <https://discovermybenefits.mod.gov.uk/raf-families/families-wraparound-childcare>

The RAF Families Federation have published a list of common Questions & Answers:

<https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/news/wac-qa/>

You can contact the Childcare Support Team at the following email address: DCYP-HQ-WACP-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk



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What is the 4-11 Wraparound Childcare (WAC) pilot?

The 4-11 WAC pilot offers working parents, at least one of which is a Serving member of the Armed Forces, with children in school (including home school), aged 4-11, funding for before and after school childcare for up to 20 hours per week, term time only.

The pilot will run for one academic year, starting at RAF High Wycombe and RAF Halton in September 2020 and extending to Catterick and Plymouth in January 2021.

Who is eligible?

- This pilot is open to Service personnel (Regulars and Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) Full Commitment (FC) only) who have completed Phase 1 training until their termination date (TX) or the end of pilot date; whichever is sooner.
- Both parents (or a sole parent in a lone parent family), must be in paid employment or starting or re-starting work within the next 31 days.
- Both parents must be working at least 16 hours each per week at the National Minimum or Living Wage. Current hourly rates can be found at [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk).
- Parents earning over £100,000 each will not be eligible for this pilot.
- A Service child in the context of this pilot is any 4-11-year-old child for whom the Service parent has financial responsibility and where the child is living with the Service parent for majority of the time.
- Foster children are not eligible for 4-11 WAC
- Parents must not be in receipt of Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) for boarding.
- Children must have reached the age of four and have started school (including home school). Children remain eligible until the end of the academic year in which they turn 11.
- All children must be recorded on JPA.
- The first pilot will be open to all Service personnel who are assigned to RAF High Wycombe and RAF Halton at the start of the autumn term (1 September 2020).
- Those whose Assignment Orders have report for duty dates between 1 September 2020 and 31 July 2021 who are eligible may also apply for the scheme.

