



Apply for free school meals

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals. We use the Department for Education's free school meals eligibility checking system to determine eligibility.

To apply, you will need to register and provide:

- your **National Insurance Number** or **National Asylum Support Service Reference Number**
- your **last name**
- your **date of birth**
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Please **register here and apply now.**

https://emsonline.nottsc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you are unable to apply online please contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 8080.

Qualifying Benefits

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- [Income Support](#)
- [Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance \(JSA\)](#)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- [Child Tax Credit](#) (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Infant School meals (UIFSM)

Universal infant school meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all government funded schools to offer free school meals to pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. The UIFSM is different funding from that of benefits-related free school meals. However, it is important that parents who receive one of the qualifying benefits listed above register for benefits related free school meals as this enables the child's school to claim pupil premium.