

Hello All,

Please be aware – [‘Temporary Eligibility Codes’](#):

HMRC will in due course release a small number of **‘Temporary Eligibility Codes’ beginning with the number ‘11’, as opposed to the usual ‘500’ prefix**. This is due to some applications for 30 Hours needing manual intervention. It is expected that **these Temporary Eligibility Codes will continue to be issued by HMRC for the foreseeable future**, though the numbers are expected to be small.

Parents will need to present these Temporary Eligibility Codes to Providers in the same way as any other code. Providers then need to verify them as they normally would; however, they will only need to be verified once, as these codes are temporary in nature and thus cannot be reconfirmed. Instead, the parent will be issued with a normal permanent Eligibility Code at their next reconfirmation, which they will need to use in going forward.

LAs need to communicate to Providers that Temporary Eligibility Codes if received are valid and should be verified using ECS in the usual way, but that the **Provider will need to also collect the new permanent code from the parent once it has been issued at the next reconfirmation**, which will replace the pre-existing Temporary Eligibility Code going forward.

**Validity and grace periods will operate as normal for temporary eligibility codes**. It is however unlikely that the validity end date of the Temporary Eligibility Code will align exactly with the validity start date of the permanent Eligibility Code – it may have a short overlap or there could be a short gap, which will be covered by the grace period.

If you have any questions about Temporary Eligibility Codes, please contact [ECS.Change@education.gov.uk](mailto:ECS.Change@education.gov.uk).

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