



Save money on your childcare bills with Tax-free childcare

If you're a working parent or carer, you can get up to £500 every three months (up to £2,000 a year per child) to help with the costs of childcare. If your child has a disability, you can get up to £1,000 every three months (up to £4,000 a year per child).

You can use it to pay for childcare including:

- childminders, nurseries and pre-schools
- playschemes, before and after school clubs, and holiday clubs

Check with your provider to see if they're signed up!

How tax-free childcare works

You set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 a year (or £4,000 if your child has a disability). You can then use the money to pay your childcare provider.

You need to reconfirm your eligibility for Tax-free childcare every three months. You'll get a text reminder and it's easy to do through your online childcare account.

Am I eligible?

To get Tax-free childcare, you need to be working at least 16 hours a week, earning at least the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage. This includes being:

- self-employed
- on maternity or parental leave
- on sick leave or annual leave. Your child is eligible until the September after their 11th birthday, or until their 17th birthday if they have a disability.

Each parent or carer can earn up to £100,000 per year and still be eligible for Tax-free childcare. Your eligibility doesn't depend on how much tax you pay, so it won't affect your income tax liability or any other tax, like VAT.

You can't claim Tax-free childcare at the same time as Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.

Want to find out more?

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