



HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



TAX-FREE CHILDCARE



- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **an average of £167** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each over three months
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**

You can receive up to £2,000 per child per year - that's up to £500 every three months. If you have a disabled child, you can receive up to £4,000 per child - that's up to £1,000 every three months.

Am I eligible?

You, and any partner, must be over 16 and each expect to earn an average of £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) over three months.

If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

You can't get Tax-Free Childcare if either you, or your partner, each individually expect to earn £100,000 or more.

How can I use it?

You can use Tax-Free Childcare all year round to spend on regulated childcare, such as after-school clubs and holiday clubs.

For example, if your childcare costs are £750 per month, you would pay £600 into your childcare account and the government would pay in £150. This would be an annual saving of £1,800 per child.

Am I eligible?

You, and any partner, must be working, or you're due to start work, and are claiming Universal Credit.

How can I benefit?

Eligible working parents on Universal Credit are now able to receive even more financial help with their childcare costs. This can be up to the maximum amount of £951 per month for 1 child or up to £1,630 per month for 2 or more children.

Working parents on Universal Credit can get more financial help with childcare costs, especially if they are starting a new job or increasing their work hours. Talk to your work coach for details.

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

- For working families claiming Universal Credit, **in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales**
- With **children under 17***
- Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax-Free Childcare

TAX CREDITS

- For working families, **in the UK**
- With **children under 16** (or **under 17 if disabled**)
- 70% of childcare costs, up to a cap
- If you cannot make a new claim for Tax Credits, you may be able to apply for Universal Credit instead.

Tax credits are closed to new applications for the majority of people from 1 February 2019.

How the scheme works

If you are an existing tax credits customer you can claim back up to 70% of your eligible childcare costs for children under 16 (or under 17 for disabled children). Depending on your income, you could get up to £122.50 a week for one child or £210 for two or more.

What's happening to Tax credits?

Universal Credit is replacing a number of existing benefits, including tax credits. If you are already receiving tax credits, you don't need to do anything now. If you cannot make a new claim for tax credits, you may be able to apply for Universal Credit instead (See above).

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

HOW TO USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE



Age

0-11

Or 16 if disabled

Get up to
£2000 per child

For working families

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Age

0-15

Or 16 if disabled

Claim back up
to **70%** of costs

For working families

TAX CREDITS

Age

0-16

Claim back up
to **85%** of costs

For working families

UNIVERSAL CREDIT