

# Are You Entitled to Help with the Cost of your Childcare?



All of the funding options start the term after children turn the age of eligibility.

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### **UPCOMING CHANGES**

From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-yearolds will be able to access 15 hours per week of childcare support.

#### What Is It?

- \*15 hours of funded childcare or early education for 38 weeks for working parents
- \*A total of 570 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider, From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child's 2nd birthday.

#### Who Is Eligible?

\*For eligible working families in England With 2-year-old children

- You need to meet the <u>eligibility criteria</u> before you can claim.
- To view the full eligibility criteria, please visit <a href="It's available at participating">It's available at participating</a>:
- Full day care (e.g nurseries)
- Schools
- **Childminders**
- Sessional providers (e.g. playgroups)
- Sure Start Children's Centres
- From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child's 2nd birthday.
  - You'll need to apply for this funding on the Government's Website. Once your application has been approved, you'll receive a code to give to your childcare provider.

#### Where can I use it?

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- Schools
- Childminders
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- Sure Start Children's Centres

From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child's 2nd birthday.

Sign up for more details about the upcoming expansion from April 2024, as well as how and when to register for support with childcare costs, <u>by clicking</u> here.

## TAX-FREE CHILDCARE - UP TO £2000 PER CHILD

#### Who is eligible?

- · Working families, including the self-employed, in the UK
- Earning under £100k and at least £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

#### How can I use it?

You can use Tax-Free Childcare all year round to spend on regulated child care, such as:

- Childminders, nurseries and nannies
- Before and 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.

Find out more and apply by clicking here.



#### 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE (2 Year Old)

#### Who is eligible?

- For families in England, receiving some form of support
- With 2-year-old children
- 15 hours of free childcare or early education for 38 weeks
- To be able to take up 15 hours of free childcare for your two-year-old you or your child must meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit GOV.UK for further information.
- A total of 570 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider

#### Where can I use it?

#### It's available at participating:

- Full day care (e.g nurseries)
- Schools Childminders
- Sessional providers (e.g. playgroups)
- Sure Start Children's Centres

From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child's 2nd birthday.

#### 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE (3&4 Year Old)

#### Who is eligible?

- For all families in England
- With 3 and 4-year-old children
- 15 hours of funded childcare or early education for 38 weeks
- A total of 570 hours per year that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider

#### Where can I use it?

#### It's available at participating:

- Full day care (e.g nurseries)
- Schools
- Childminders
- Sessional providers (e.g. playgroups)
- Sure Start Children's Centres
- After school clubs

From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child's 3rd birthday.

#### **30 HOURS FUNDED CHILDCARE**

#### Who is eligible?

- For working families in England
- With 3 and 4-year-old children
- 30 hours of funded childcare or early education for 38 weeks
- A total of 1,140 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more
- childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

#### Where can I use it?

#### It's available at participating:

- Full day care (e.g nurseries)
- Schools
- Childminders
- Sessional providers (e.g. playgroups)
- Sure Start Children's Centres
- After school clubs

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#### TAX CREDITS FOR CHILDCARE

#### Who is eligible?

- 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.

#### Where can I use it?

### You can use tax credits for childcare to help pay:

- Registered childminders, nurseries and nannies
- Registered after-school clubs and playschemes
- Registered schools
- Home care workers working for a registered home care agency



#### **UNIVERSAL CREDITS FOR CHILDCARE**

#### Who is eligible?

- 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

#### Where can I use it?

### You can use tax credits for childcare to help pay:

- Registered childminders, nurseries and nannies
- Registered after-school clubs and playschemes
- Registered schools
- Home care workers working for a registered home care agency

<sup>\*</sup> The childcare cost element in Universal Credit is paid up to the end of August following the child's 16th birthday.

From September 2025, eligible working parents with children from 9 months old up to school age will now be entitled to a substantial increase of 30 hours of childcare per week.

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Please let us know if you believe you may be eligible for any form of funding or help with costs and we will assist you where we can.

For more information, please click here.



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