



TAX FREE CHILDCARE - Parent Information

We accept Tax-Free Childcare through your online childcare account. For every £8 you pay in, the government automatically adds an extra £2 straight into your Tax-Free Childcare account. You'll then be able to use the full balance to pay for your childcare. You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

You can use it to pay for approved childcare, for example:

- childminders, nurseries and nannies
- after school clubs and play schemes

Your eligibility depends on:

- whether you're working (employed, self-employed, or a director)
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your child's age and circumstances
- your immigration status

Your income

Over the next 3 months you and your partner (if you have one) must each expect to earn at least:

- £2,379 if you're aged 21 or over
- £1,788 if you're aged 18 to 20
- £1,331 if you're under 18 or an apprentice

If you or your partner have an expected '[adjusted net income](#)' over £100,000 in the current tax year, you will not be eligible.

Your child

Your child must be 11 or under and usually live with you. They stop being eligible on 1 September after their 11th birthday.

Adopted children are eligible, but foster children are not. If your child is disabled and usually lives with you, you may get up to £4,000 a year until 1 September after their 16th birthday.

[Apply online for Tax-Free Childcare](#)



You will need:

- Your National Insurance Number
- Personal details - UK Passport or Driving Licence
- the UK birth certificate reference number (if you have one) of any children you're applying for
- the date you started or are due to start work (this can be approximate if more than 3 months ago)

How parents can find you

Once you've signed up to Tax-Free Childcare, parents can use the childcare provider checker to search for you, using your:

- name (the name you registered with your regulatory authority); or
- address or postcode; or
- regulator reference, for example, if you've registered with OFSTED this will be your Unique Reference Number (URN)

Your online childcare service account

Once you've successfully applied for your online account, you can:

- view all your children's Tax-Free Childcare accounts in one place
- confirm you're still eligible for Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare
- start paying into your children's Tax-Free Childcare accounts and
- use it to pay for childcare costs

How much you pay into your Tax-Free Childcare account, and when, is up to you. You can make one-off payments (for example, by debit card) or set-up a standing order to make regular payments into your Tax-Free Childcare account.

You can pay up to 10 childcare providers from each Tax-Free Childcare account. You'll need to make a separate payment for each eligible child.

Other people, such as family members and employers, can also pay into your Tax-Free Childcare account.

When you use your Tax-Free Childcare account to pay a childcare provider, it can take 2-3 working days for your money to reach them.

For more information please click the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

<https://www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>