



Parents information

Tax Free Childcare

We can now offer a Tax Free Childcare. 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.

To qualify for the scheme, parents must be working and each earning at least £120 a week (on average) and not more than £100,000 each a year.

You'll need

- Your National Insurance Number
- Personal details - UK Passport or Driving Licence

You're usually eligible if all of the following apply:

Your child:

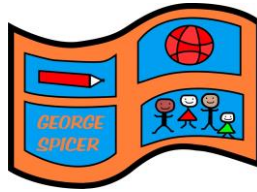
- is under 12, or 17 if they're registered as having a disability
- usually lives with you

You (and your partner, if you have one):

- are 16 or over
- live or work in the UK
- are employed or self-employed
- are over 21 and earn on average at least £120 a week, unless in your first year of self-employment.
- earn less than £100,000 a year each
- don't get other support with your childcare, including from a childcare voucher or salary sacrifice scheme

You may still be able to get Tax-Free Childcare, if you or your partner doesn't work, and the non-working partner gets:

- Incapacity Benefit or long-term Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- National Insurance credits because of incapacity or limited capability for work



If you apply for Tax-Free Childcare, you won't be able to get:

- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- childcare vouchers from your employer

Your Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit payments will stop automatically if you successfully apply for Tax-Free Childcare.

You should apply for Tax-Free Childcare before asking Jobcentre Plus to stop your claim to Universal Credit, because there may be other reasons why you're not eligible for Tax-Free Childcare.

To apply please click the link below and follow the instruction.

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

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/>



Childcare Provider information

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)

How parents make payments to you

Parents can use their Childcare Account to make regular or one-off payments direct to your bank account. The payment should only take 2 to 3 working days to arrive in your bank account. When you receive a payment from a parent, this will include both their payment and the government contribution.

Tax-Free Childcare payments have a reference number of 4 letters and 5 numbers, followed by 'TFC'. The letters are made up of the first initial and the first 3 letters of the surname of the parent making the payment. For example, AJON12345TFC. This will help you link the payment to the child you provide childcare for.