

Get 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 apply for this at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

15 hours funded childcare for families of disadvantaged 2-year-olds.

The government offers funded childcare to families with disadvantaged 2-year-olds. This may include you if you or your partner:

- receive benefits, allowances or other government support.
- have a disability or if your child has a disability.
- arrived from another country and cannot claim benefits.

You apply for this at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/funding/apply

15 hours funded childcare for working families with 2-year-olds (and 9-month-olds from Sept 2024)

Working parents and carers of 2-year old's may be entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare. But you will need to meet certain conditions, like:

- each partner in your household works at least 16 hours a week.
- each partner in your household earns at least £139 a week.
- neither partner in your household earns over £100,000 per year
- if you're a single-parent family, you'll need to meet the same criteria.

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15 hours funded childcare for 3- & 4-year-olds

All families - the universal offer

Everyone can claim 15 hours a week of funded childcare when their children are 3-4 years old. And this continues until they start school - even if that's past their fifth birthday.

You apply through a childcare provider for this.

30 hours funded childcare for 3- & 4-year-olds

Working parents and carers can get an extra 15 hours of funded childcare for their 3-4-year-olds.

This means you would get 30 hours a week in total. But you'll need to meet certain conditions, like:

- each partner in your household works at least 16 hours a week.
- each partner in your household earns at least £139 a week.
- neither partner in your household earns over £100,000 per year
- if you're a single-parent family, you'll need to meet the same criteria.

If your family doesn't meet the income levels, you might still get the extended offer if you get benefits or other support.

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Tax credits for childcare

- 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.

For more information see www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Universal credit for childcare

- 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 **are not** receiving Tax-Free Childcare

For more information see www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Support while you study

- Weekly payments from Care to Learn if you are at school or sixth-form college
- Help through your college if you are in further education
- A weekly grant if you are in full-time higher education

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