

Tax Free Childcare



Eligibility Criteria

If you're a working parent with children under 12 (or under 17 for disabled children), you can open an online account to pay for registered childcare.

The government will top-up the money you pay into the account. For every £8 you pay in, the government will add an extra £2. 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.

Eligible?

A parent, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £125 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).

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 **cannot** get Tax-Free Childcare if **either** you, or your partner, each **individually** expects to earn £100,000 or more.

A parent **can** use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as:
15 hours free childcare and 30 hours free childcare.

They **cannot** use it with:

Universal Credit

Tax Credits

Childcare Vouchers (closed to new entrants)

Please note

This is a separate scheme to the 30 hours and must be applied for and reconfirmed separately using the link below.

<https://childcare.tax.service.gov.uk/ccp/signup/signupcode>

Who can sign up to accept tax free childcare?

If you're an approved or registered childcare provider, you can sign up to get a childcare provider account. This allows you to set up your bank account details and receive payments from parents who use Tax-Free Childcare.

What you will need to sign up

To sign up you should be the main contact for your business. You will be able to set up a 'delegate' to manage your account for you during the sign up process.

You will need your:

- 11-digit user ID from your invitation letter – if you did not get one or have lost it, contact the helpline on **0300 123 4097**
- Bank account details
- 10-digit Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), if you are registered for Self Assessment or Corporation Tax. If you are a school run by a local authority, you should contact their finance team to find out their UTR and postcode and use that to sign up. If your business is owned by another company, use their UTR and postcode to sign up.
- National Insurance number, if you are directly employed, for example as a nanny.

Below is the application link you will need to sign up to the tax free childcare.

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