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# Childcare Choices

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### What is Tax-Free Childcare?

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme to support working parents with childcare costs.

For every £8 you pay in, the government will pay in an extra £2.

### You can use Tax-Free Childcare to pay for:

- Childminders,
- Nurseries and nannies
- After school clubs
- Playschemes
- Home care workers working for a registered home care agency



If eligible, you set up an online childcare account which you can use to pay your childcare provider directly.

### Check if you're eligible

How much help with tax-free childcare can be estimated using the Childcare **calculator**

### Apply for Tax-Free Childcare

### Eligibility criteria

You, and any partner, must be over 16 and each expect to earn (on average) at least £142 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 can use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as:

- 15 hours free childcare
- 30 hours free childcare

### You can't use it with:

- Universal Credit
- Tax Credits



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