

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme designed to help working parents with the cost of childcare.

Who is Eligible?

- Working parents with children under 12 (or under 17 if disabled).
- Each parent must earn at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week.
- Parents must not earn more than £100,000 per year.

How does Tax-Free Childcare work?

For every £8 you pay into your childcare account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for a disabled child).

If you are not accessing a funded childcare place, Tax-Free Childcare could help towards your childcare costs.

If you are receiving 15 or 30 hours funded childcare, then Tax-Free Childcare could be used to pay for extra hours.

How to apply for Tax-Free Childcare

1. **Create an Account:** Visit the government website gov.uk and set up your [childcare account](#).
2. **Pay into Your Account:** Deposit money into your account to receive the government top-up.
3. **Pay Your Childcare Provider:** Use the funds in your account to pay for approved childcare providers.
4. **Reconfirm your eligibility:** Reconfirm your eligibility every three months through your online account.



For further information please visit the Best Start in Life website

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