**Get help paying for your childcare**

**Tax-free childcare**

* For **working** **families**, including the self-employed,**in the UK**
* Earning**under £100k**and **at least £142**per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each
* Who **are not** 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**

**15 hours funded childcare for 2-year-olds**

* For families **in England,**receiving some forms of support
* With **2-year-old children**
* **15 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
* To be able to take up **15 hours of free childcare** for your two-year-old you or your child must meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds) for further information.
* A total of **570 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
* Some providers will allow you to ‘stretch’ the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

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

* **For all families** **in England**
* With **3 and 4-year-old children**
* **15 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
* A total of **570 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
* Some providers will allow you to ‘stretch’ the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

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

* For **working** families **in England**
* With **3 and 4-year-old children**
* **30 hours** **of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
* A total of **1,140 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more  
  childcare provider
* Some providers will allow you to ‘stretch’ the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

**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.

**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

**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