



Cumberland  
Council

# Tax-Free Childcare

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Childcare  
**Choices**

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## 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 get up to £2,000 per child per year, or £4,000 for disabled children.

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 your partner, if you have one) need to be working and each earn **national minimum wage**. To be eligible you'll need to earn the equivalent of 16 hours/week at the national minimum wage for your age group.

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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