

Are you ready for Tax Free Childcare?



Childcare providers across the country are signing up for the government's new offer: Tax-Free Childcare.

Tax-Free Childcare will help working parents with the cost of childcare, offering up to £2,000 per child per year, or £4,000 if a child is disabled. Parents will be able to open an online account, which they can use to pay for childcare from a registered provider. For every £8 parents pay into these accounts, the government will add £2. Childcare providers must sign up to be able to receive payments from parents through the scheme. Sign up now at: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk>

Facts on Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare can be used to pay for:

- ✓ Pre schools
- ✓ Registered childminders
- ✓ Day nurseries
- ✓ School based care (that is paid for, such as after-school clubs)

- To qualify, parents must be in work, and each earning at least £115 a week (on average) and not more than £100,000 each per year
- Parents can use Tax-Free Childcare alongside the 15 and 30 hours free childcare schemes in England, or any free childcare hours provided by the Scottish, Welsh or Northern Ireland governments.
- Parents will only be able to pay their childcare provider from their childcare account if their childcare provider is signed up to Tax-Free Childcare.
- While parents can't make payments using both Tax-Free Childcare and childcare vouchers, childcare providers who are signed up to Tax-Free Childcare can receive payments from both schemes.
- Parents will soon be able to search for childcare providers who have signed up using an online tool.
- Letters were sent to registered childcare providers throughout September and October, inviting them to sign up and get ready for the launch of Tax-Free Childcare. They must do this in order to receive payments from parents through the scheme.
- To sign up, childcare providers should visit www.childcare.tax.service.gov.uk and will need:

- ✓ The unique code included in their invitation letter.
- ✓ The bank account details for the account they wish to receive payments into.
- ✓ Their Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) number – or their National Insurance number, if they don't have a UTR.