

Help with the Cost of Childcare



Are you getting all the help you are entitled to?



There is a Government website called
Childcare Choices
that can help you to see what help you may be
entitled to.



What help could I get?

As part of Tax Credit and Universal Credit, you can get help with the cost of childcare if you receive these benefits (Tax Credit and Universal Credit).



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If you are studying there is also help with the cost of any childcare that you may require.



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Some employers provide help with the cost of childcare.



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If your employer does not provide help with the cost of childcare as a benefit, you may be entitled to benefit from **Tax Free Childcare**.

Don't forget...

There is also **Free Entitlement** which can help pay for the cost of a child attending an Early Years setting, this includes Childminders.



Some Two-Year Olds are entitled to 15 hours **Free Entitlement**, if your child has an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).



All three and four year olds are entitled to the universal 15 hours Free Entitlement.



Working parents with children aged three and four and who are working are entitled to 30 hours **Free Entitlement** dependant on certain criteria.



Where one parent meets the income criteria for the 30 hours **Free Entitlement** and the other parent is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or they have been assessed as having limited capability to work, you may still be able to claim the 30 hours **Free Entitlement**.



Does your 3 or 4 year old receive DLA?

If your child is aged three or four and they are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), they may also be entitled to the new **Disability Access Fund** as well as **Free Entitlement**.

The **Disability Access Fund** is available to support disabled children to access the **Free Entitlements**.



My child is older than 4...

There are tax free options and voucher schemes available to help with childcare for children and young people under the age of 17 on the Government's [Childcare Choices](#) website.



Tax Free Options...



For every £8 a parent pays in, the government will pay in an extra £2.

Parents can receive up to £2,000 per child, per year, towards their childcare costs, or £4,000 for disabled children.

If you claim Tax Free Childcare it is possible that you may lose any tax credits you might be claiming. **Please think carefully about the choices you make.**

Where can I find out more?

The Government has produced a website called **Childcare Choices** that helps you to choose options that are right for you:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Information on **Free Entitlement** and the **Disability Fund** can be found on the Wiltshire Council web site: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care>