

Are you eligible for tax-free childcare?

What is tax-free childcare?

Tax-free childcare is government support towards the cost of childcare and early education for children aged 11 or under (or 17 and under for disabled children).

How does tax-free childcare work?

To access the scheme, you will need to pay your early years fees via an online government account. For every £8 you pay in, the government will pay in an extra £2, up to £500 every three months (or £1,000 for disabled children).

Who is eligible for tax-free childcare?

If you are in work and expect to earn the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national minimum or living wage over the next three months, you should be eligible (this applies to both parents in dual-parent households). You may also be eligible if one member of your household is on leave (e.g. sick, maternity, paternity, parental or adoption) or is eligible for certain disability benefits.

Can I use tax-free childcare and the 30-hours offer?

Yes. However, you cannot use the tax-free childcare scheme and claim working tax credits or child tax credits at the same time.

Visit www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare
for more information

