

# Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a Government scheme to help you pay for your childcare. From 2017, you will be able to use an online TFC account to pay for your registered childcare costs – plus the Government will add money to the account. Discover more:



## Why should I sign up for Tax-Free Childcare?

The TFC scheme will help working parents pay for childcare. Eligible parents will get a government contribution each year of up to **£2,000 per child** towards the cost of their childcare. This rises to **£4,000 for disabled children**.

## It's quick and easy.

You'll be able to set up an online TFC account which you can use to pay childcare professionals. For every £8 paid in, the government will top up an extra £2.



## Who can receive Tax-Free Childcare?

If you are employed or self-employed, earning at least £115 per week (but less than £100,000 per year) you are eligible. TFC will replace childcare vouchers, tax credits or Universal Credit. The Childcare Chooser will help you see if TFC will benefit you.

TFC can be used to pay for childcare for children living with you who are under 12, or under 17 if they're disabled.

## What can I use Tax-Free Childcare to pay for?

- Registered childminders or nurseries
- Registered play schemes or after-school clubs
- Childminders with an Ofsted-registered childminding agency
- Registered schools
- Home-care workers working for a registered home-care agency



## When will Tax-Free Childcare be available?

Tax-Free Childcare will be available from early 2017. It will be rolled out gradually, with parents of the youngest children able to apply first. You'll be able to apply for all your children at the same time, as soon as your youngest child becomes eligible. All parents will be eligible by the end of 2017.



## How do I sign up for Tax-Free Childcare?

As soon as you become eligible, you'll be able to open an online account, which you can use to pay childcare professionals. You'll use a reference number for each child, so that your chosen childcare professional can see which payments cover each child.



Find out more [here](#).