



Cumberland
Council

Tax-Free Childcare

Apply now at:

Childcare
Choices

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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