

Help paying for Childcare if you claim Universal Credit

If you are a working parent and claiming Universal Credit, you could get help with up to 85% of your childcare costs with Universal Credit, depending on your income.

For working families claiming Universal Credit, **in England, Scotland, and Wales**. Northern Ireland has separate arrangements. Eligibility criteria apply:

-   **HM Government**
- **Both parents must be working** – unless one of the allowable exceptions is met
- With **children usually under 17 (including disabled)**
- Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs can be reclaimed
- Tax-Free Childcare is not available if also claiming Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers

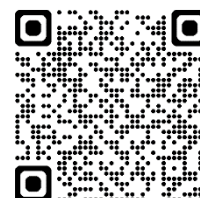


To find out if you qualify go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ & <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs#what-childcare-costs-can-cover>

The maximum amount a month is:

- £1,014.63 for one child
- £1,739.37 for two or more children

Upfront support may also be available to fund your first month's payment. Ask your work coach for more information about the **Flexible Support Fund** and complete form FSF3 or apply online.



Eligibility

You need to be either:

- In paid work
- Starting a job in the next month

If you live with a partner, you both need to be in paid work, unless your partner cannot look after your children.

What the costs can cover

Your childcare must be with **Ofsted registered childcare providers**. This includes holiday clubs, after-school clubs and breakfast clubs. If you live with a partner, you both need to be working, unless your partner cannot look after your children. **How to apply?**

For more information speak to your work coach or visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs>

