



## Free Entitlement Childcare

**What it offers:** 15 or 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 term-time weeks. For all-year-round children these hours are reduced to 11 or 22 hours per week in order to stretch across the year

### **Eligibility:**

- To be entitled to the 'Working Parent' funding, both parents must work at least 16 hours per week, neither parent can earn more than £100,000 a year. It cannot be used alongside universal credit childcare or childcare vouchers, and it can only start the term after your child turns 9 months. Children must have started by the Local Authority 'headcount week' which is usually the second or third week of term.
- To be entitled to the 'Universal' funding there are no employment or income requirements but it currently only starts the term after your child turns 3 and only up to 15 weekly funded hours. Children must have started by the local authority headcount week.
- To be entitled to the 'Local Authority Issued' two year funding, you must **either** be receiving certain benefits (e.g., Income Support, Universal Credit with income under £15,400 per year) **or** it's available to children with a disability or those in care or with an Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plan. It is only currently available to two year olds and only for 15 hours per week  
Can be claimed at any point through the term regardless of headcount week.

## Childcare Vouchers (Salary Sacrifice)

**What it offers:** A tax-saving option where you use pre-tax income to pay for childcare.

### **Eligibility:**

- You must have joined the scheme before October 2018 (it's closed to new applicants).
- You cannot use childcare vouchers if you're claiming Tax-Free Childcare.



## Universal Credit or Working Tax Credit

**What it offers:** You can claim back up to 85% of childcare costs.

### **Eligibility:**

- You must be receiving Universal Credit or Working Tax Credit.
- You and your partner (if applicable) must work or have a job offer.
- Maximum claim: £646 per month for one child, £1,108 per month for two or more children.



## WHAT HELP CAN I GET WITH MY CHILDCARE COSTS?



## Enjoy Benefits Childcare Support for Employers

**What it offers:** An employer-managed scheme that helps parents save on childcare costs through salary sacrifice. Like childcare vouchers, it allows parents to pay for childcare directly from their pre-tax salary, lowering the tax and National Insurance they pay.

### **Eligibility:**

- Your employer must be registered to offer the Enjoy Benefits scheme (it also offers many saving perks for your employer)..
- There is no maximum income allowance so this works for those parents not eligible for the government Tax Free Childcare scheme.
- Not available if you are already using Tax-Free Childcare.



## Childcare Grants for Students

**What it offers:** Grants covering up to 85% of childcare costs for full-time students in higher education.

### **Eligibility:**

- Must be in higher education student.
- You can apply if you're studying for a first degree, foundation degree, or a postgraduate course.
- You can claim up to £183.75 per week for one child or £315.03 per week for two or more children.

## Tax Free Childcare

**What it offers:** Up to £2,000 per year, per child (£4,000 if disabled), with the government adding £2 for every £8 you contribute.

### **Eligibility:**

- Both parents must earn at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week.
- You must earn less than £100,000 per year. (If you earn more than this please refer to the 'Enjoy Benefits Support for Employers').
- Your child must be under 12 (or under 17 if disabled).
- Not compatible with childcare vouchers or tax credits.

