

# Help with Childcare Costs

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- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
  - Earning **under £100k** and **at least £139** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each
  - Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
  - With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
  - For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**
  - If your working pattern and/or income has changed because of coronavirus (COVID-19); before you apply or reconfirm, please read [how the changes may affect your eligibility](#).
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- For **working families in England**
  - With **3 and 4-year-old children**
  - **30 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
  - A total of **1,140 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
  - Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week
  - If your working pattern and/or income has changed because of coronavirus (COVID-19); before you apply or reconfirm for 30 hours, please read [how these changes may affect your eligibility](#)