

Help with childcare costs: Universal Credit for childcare



This easy read document tells you about Universal Credit for childcare.



This document is part of a set of easy read information about help with childcare costs. [The full list of easy read documents is at the end of this document.](#)

What is Universal Credit for childcare?



If you get Universal Credit you can claim back up to 85 per cent of childcare costs for children under 17. The most you can claim is £1,014.63 for one child or £1,739.37 for two or more children.



Parents who get Universal Credit are also able to get more help with childcare costs when moving into paid work or increasing their working hours.



Your Universal Credit work coach can give you more information about this.

Can I get the funding?



To be eligible, you – and your partner if you have one – must be:



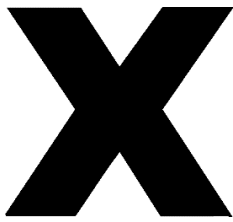
- Working or about to start work.



- Paying childcare costs.



- Getting Universal Credit.



You can't get Universal Credit at the same time as "Tax-Free Childcare".

More Information:



You can find more information in the GOV.UK [Universal Credit Childcare guide](#).



If you do not get Universal Credit, you can [apply online](#).

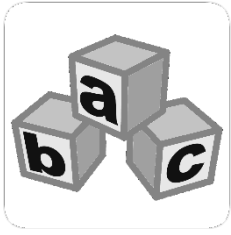


You can [apply for Universal Credit online](#).

If you already have a Universal Credit account, you can [sign in to your account](#) to ask about childcare funding.



You can use the money to pay for more than one provider, but they must be a **registered childcare provider**.



Registered childcare providers include registered childminders, nurseries, nannies, after school clubs, playschemes and schools.



You can find registered childcare providers near you on the [Notts Help Yourself Families Information Service directory](#).

Customer Service Centre



Our Customer Service Centre can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:



Web: [Use our online contact form](#)



Telephone: 0300 500 80 80



Text Relay: 18001 0115 977 4050

People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).



Sign Video

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use [the SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.

Other childcare funding easy read documents



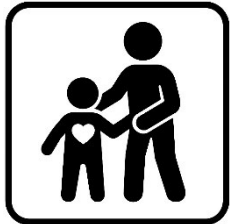
You can read our other easy read documents with specific information on childcare support for:



- [Childcare funding for working parents with children over than 9 months and under 5 years](#)



- [Tax free childcare for working families of children aged 0-11 \(or 0-16 if the child has disabilities\)](#)



- [Families receiving additional forms of financial support with children aged 2](#)



- [Disability Access Fund](#)



- [Childcare support for students](#)

Links in this document

GOV.UK - Universal Credit Childcare guide

gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs

Universal Credit online application form

universal-credit.service.gov.uk/start

Universal Credit - log in to your account

universal-credit.service.gov.uk/sign-in

Notts Help Yourself: Families Information Services Directory

nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/childcare_early_learning.page?newdirectorychannel=2

Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform

Relay UK app

www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html

SignVideo app

signvideo.co.uk/download

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Working families

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-free-childcare-for-working-families-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Tax-free childcare

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-tax-free-childcare-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Universal Credit for childcare

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-universal-credit-for-childcare-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Families receiving additional forms of financial support with children aged 2

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-families-receiving-additional-support-with-2-year-old-children-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Disability Access Fund

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-disability-access-fund-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Childcare support for students

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-for-parents-who-are-students-easy-read

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Help with childcare costs \(Nottinghamshire County Council\)](#)

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/early-years-and-childcare/help-with-childcare-costs

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