



Help with childcare

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You cannot use both cash routes

Tax-Free Childcare adds £2 for every £8 you pay a registered provider, up to a cap. The Universal Credit childcare element is claimed inside Universal Credit. You cannot use both for the same childcare.

If you get Universal Credit, that element is the route. Do not open a Tax-Free Childcare account as well.

Hours are a third thing

Funded childcare hours are not cash. The age and the number of hours depend on the nation, and some hours depend on work. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland do not use the same hours.

Who has to be working

Tax-Free Childcare usually needs you, and a partner, to be in work. The child is under 12, or under 17 if disabled, and the provider has to be registered.

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