

What is Tax-Free Childcare?

Tax-Free Childcare supports working families, including the self-employed, with childcare costs. For every £8.00 you pay into your online childcare account the government will pay in £2.00, up to a maximum of £2000.00 a year per child (or £4000.00 if your child has a disability). You can then use this money to pay us, your childcare provider.

You will need to reconfirm your eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months and will receive a text reminder. It's easy to do through your online childcare account.

How does it work?

1. Transfer the amount you require into your tax free account using the details from when you registered. You will need to allow a few days for the funds to clear.
2. Allow the government top up to be added to your account. This can take a few days.
3. Make the transfer to Always Growing via your account in time for it to arrive in our account before the 1st of the month.

Who is eligible?

You must be working at least 16 hours a week and earning at least the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage and below £100,000 per annum. If you are self-employed, on maternity or paternity leave or on sick leave or annual leave you can still qualify.

How can I apply?

You need to set up an online childcare account here - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

The process should only take around 20 minutes and you will need your (and your partner's if applicable) National Insurance number or Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) if self-employed.

Am I eligible if I receive any other government related benefits/help?

You cannot claim Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit. You can claim Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare.

How does it work at Always Growing?

Once you have been approved and have an online childcare account set up, you will be able to make payments to us by searching for us by our name/address/postcode and/or regulator reference number. Alternatively, let us know when you are ready to make a payment and we will provide you with the relevant details.

How can I find out more about Tax-Free Childcare and the other childcare options available?

The Childcare Choices website is a great source of information and will help you find the best offer available to you - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Another handy tool is the Childcare Calculator - <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Feel free to speak to us, or drop us an email at info@alwaysgrowing.co.uk, and we will be happy to help!