



Cumberland  
Council

# Help with Childcare Costs in Before and After School Childcare

## Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a scheme open to working parents of children under 12 (or 17 if disabled) to help with childcare costs. For every £8 paid in, the government will pay in an extra £2, up to £2,000 (£4,000 if the child is disabled) per child per year.

### How to apply?

[www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare)

## Universal Credit for Childcare

Universal Credit is a payment to help with living costs. It is paid monthly.

Parents can receive up to 85% of their childcare costs, the maximum amount a month is:

- £951 for one child
- £1630 for two children or more

## Eligibility for Universal Credit childcare costs

Parents can only get Universal Credit childcare costs if:

- Are in paid work, or have accepted an offer of paid work (it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work)
- Pay for childcare for the relevant child or young person.

### How to apply?

Apply at [www.gov.uk/sign-in-universal-credit](http://www.gov.uk/sign-in-universal-credit)

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