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Free 30 hours

You can usually get 30 hours free childcare if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

 working and earning at least £120 per week but no more than £1000,00 per year

This earnings limit doesn't apply if you're selfemployed and started your business less than 12 months ago.

You're not eligible if:

- your child doesn't usually live with you
- the child is your foster child
- either you or your partner has a taxable income over £100,000

You can get 30 hours free childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, tax credits or childcare vouchers.

Tax free childcare

For working families with children under 12 (or under 17 for disabled children). You can use it with the 15 hours and 30 hours' schemes.

You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage). If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

If either you, or your partner, expect to earn $\pounds100,000$ or more, you can't get Tax-Free Childcare.

You can't use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as childcare vouchers, Universal Credit or tax credits.

Tax Credits for Childcare

If you are entitled to Tax Credit, and you and any partner are working at least 16 hours a week each, you can claim back up to 70% of your eligible childcare costs for children under 16 (or under 17 for disabled children).

You may also be eligible for Child Tax Credit, even if you're not working.

You can't claim Universal Credit, tax credits, or Tax-Free Childcare at the same time.

Universal Credits

If you, and any partner, are working, or you're due to start work, and you're claiming Universal Credit, you can claim back up to 85% of your eligible childcare costs up to a cap, for children under 16. You will also receive extra support if your child has a disability and receives Disability Living Allowance, a PIP or is registered blind.

You can't claim Universal Credit, tax credits or Tax-Free Childcare at the same time

Childcare Vouchers

If your employer offers childcare vouchers or arranges your childcare, you can get up to £933 a year in tax and National Insurance savings.

The amount you can get in childcare vouchers depends on how much you earn and when you joined the scheme. *You can't use childcare vouchers at the same time as Tax-Free Childcare.*

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Free 15 hours per week for all families of 3 and 4 year olds.

You do not need to apply to Haringey Council, simply go directly to the approved childcare provider of your choice (in or out of Haringey).

You will still receive free 15 hours even if you are not eligible for the free 30 hour offer.

For more information and a list of approved providers in Haringey go to:

www.haringey.gov.uk/freeearlyeducation3and4

Free 15 hours per week for some 2 year olds

For low income families in receipt certain benefits. Also, if you work, earn £16,190 a year or less and are in receipt of Tax Credits you may be eligible.

For more information and to see if you meet the criteria go to:

www.haringey.gov.uk/freefor2s

Getting the help with your childcare costs will depend on your personal circumstances.

For further information and to see what you can apply for, go to <u>www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</u>

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