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## Who Can Claim

You may qualify if: You (and your partner, if applicable) are working or have a job offer; You use registered childcare (nursery, childminder, after-school club, etc.); You're claiming Universal Credit and meet income and work requirements.

## How It Works

1. Pay your childcare costs upfront. 2. Report the costs in your Universal Credit account. 3. Receive reimbursement in your next Universal Credit payment.

## Recent Changes

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## Key Points

Can be used for children up to age 16; Covers registered childcare only; Cannot be combined with Tax-Free Childcare or childcare vouchers.

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