

Help paying for childcare

5. Childcare vouchers

Your employer may be able to help you with childcare costs using childcare vouchers or other schemes, for example a staff nursery.

You must pay [Income Tax](#) and [National Insurance](#) on some kinds of support.

Childcare schemes you don't pay tax and National Insurance on

You don't have to pay tax and National Insurance on:

- childcare vouchers
- childcare your employer arranges with a provider (sometimes known as 'directly contracted childcare')
- workplace nurseries

You can get up to £55 a week from childcare vouchers, depending on how much you earn and when you joined the scheme.

Childcare vouchers may affect the amount of tax credits you get. [Work out if you'd be better off](#) taking childcare vouchers.

Childcare schemes you pay tax and National Insurance on

You must pay tax and National Insurance on:

- cash your employer gives you to pay for childcare
- childcare provider's fees your employer pays
- school fees your employer pays