

FACT SHEET

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Working Tax Credits Childcare Element

Description:

This is an element of the Working Tax Credit to support the costs of registered or approved childcare for working parents for children of 15 years or under or 16 years and under if they have a disability. It is paid into the bank account of the main carer.

Who Qualifies:

- Lone parents must work at least 16 hours a week
- Both members of a couple must work 16 hours a week or more
- One member of a couple must work 16 hours a week or more and the other member must be incapacitated.

To qualify for the support the childcare you use must be:

- Registered daynursery, childminder, pre-school or playscheme, before/after school or holiday club.
- School or other establishment that is exempt from registration.
- Provider of childcare for children aged eight or over, approved by an accredited organisation, for example a holiday scheme.
- Approved home carer excluding a relative (i.e. a registered childminder caring for the child in the child's own home).
- Domiciliary worker or nurse from a registered agency.

Amount Payable:

Up to 70% of eligible childcare costs to a maximum of £122.50 per week for one child and £210 for two or more children.

How Cartwheels can help with Working Tax Credits Childcare Element

We can put you in touch with the right person at JobCentre Plus to advise if you are eligible for the childcare element of Working Tax Credits.

We are a registered childcare provider so if you do qualify you can use Cartwheels to look after your children and make use of the financial support from the government.

Useful Contacts: www.hmrc.gov.uk Tax Credit Helpline 0845 300 3900

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