



Services for Young Children

Childcare Grant: Support for students with childcare costs

Students who are a full-time higher education and have children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs may be eligible for help with their childcare costs through the **Childcare Grant**.

Students must be eligible for [student finance](#) to apply for a Childcare Grant.

The amount that the student gets depends on their household income and the number of dependent children.

For the 2023 to 2024 academic year, students can receive 85% of their childcare costs or a fixed maximum amount, whichever is less. The maximum they can get is:

- up to £188.90 a week for 1 child
- up to £323.85 a week for 2 or more children

The grant is paid into a Childcare Grant Payment Service (CCGPS) account. The student receives an email telling them how to set one up.

The childcare provider can then send requests for payment to the CCGPS, which the student approves through their account. They usually need to do this every week. The childcare provider will be paid directly from the money in the student's account.

Students can only approve payments to their childcare provider once their course has started. The Childcare Grant cannot be used to pay for upfront costs such as deposits.

Childcare Grant Payment Service (CCGPS) account

Childcare providers will need to register to set up an account to receive the Childcare Grant funding. Details of how to do this are here: [Childcare provider registration | Childcare Grant Payment Service \(ccgpay.co.uk\)](#)

Childminders registered with a Childminder Agency (CMA) need to use the agency's Ofsted certificate number for payments to be made.

This is the link for signing into the Childcare Grant Payment Service account: [Childcare provider sign in | Childcare Grant Payment Service \(ccgpay.co.uk\)](#)