

# Childcare Vouchers



## Information for Childcare Providers

### Childcare vouchers – safe, reliable, convenient childcare payments!

Employers For Childcare is a registered charity set up to make life easier for working parents by encouraging businesses to invest in employer-supported childcare.

Forward-thinking employers are increasingly developing childcare policies to help employees balance work and family life. Many employers are helping their working parents pay for registered childcare by providing childcare vouchers.

#### **What are childcare vouchers?**

- Childcare vouchers are a valid way of paying for all forms of registered childcare including registered childminders, day nurseries, crèches and playgroups, after-school and breakfast clubs, holiday schemes and workplace nurseries
- Childcare vouchers offer a flexible and easy way to help working parents save on registered childcare costs and afford quality childcare
- Childcare vouchers up to the value of £55 per week are exempt from tax and National Insurance Contributions
- By taking part of your salary as childcare vouchers, working parents can each save up to £99.63 per month on registered childcare costs

#### **How do I get paid?**

- Childcare vouchers act like cheques and are payable only to the childcare provider named on the voucher, and can not be exchanged for cash
- Parents will use them to pay you for all or part of the cost of their childcare in the usual way
- Vouchers can be redeemed as soon and as often as you like
- Simply sign the voucher, detach and retain the perforated receipt, then return for payment in the freepost envelopes provided
- Vouchers can only be redeemed by the named childcare provider on the voucher

#### **How long does payment take?**

Payment will be made to the value of the voucher by BACS within 3 banking days of receipt of the vouchers, providing:

- the information supplied to is correct
- the childcare provider is registered with Social Services and a valid copy of the registration certificate is supplied with the childcare voucher provider
- the voucher is signed by both the parent and the childcare provider
- the vouchers are presented within 12 months of issue date

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The majority of childcare providers in Northern Ireland are familiar with how childcare vouchers work and will readily accept them.

“Employers For Childcare, with its range of services and advice to employers, parents and childcare providers is a long overdue breath of fresh air. Rascals happily accept Employers For Childcare vouchers and fully endorse their use.”

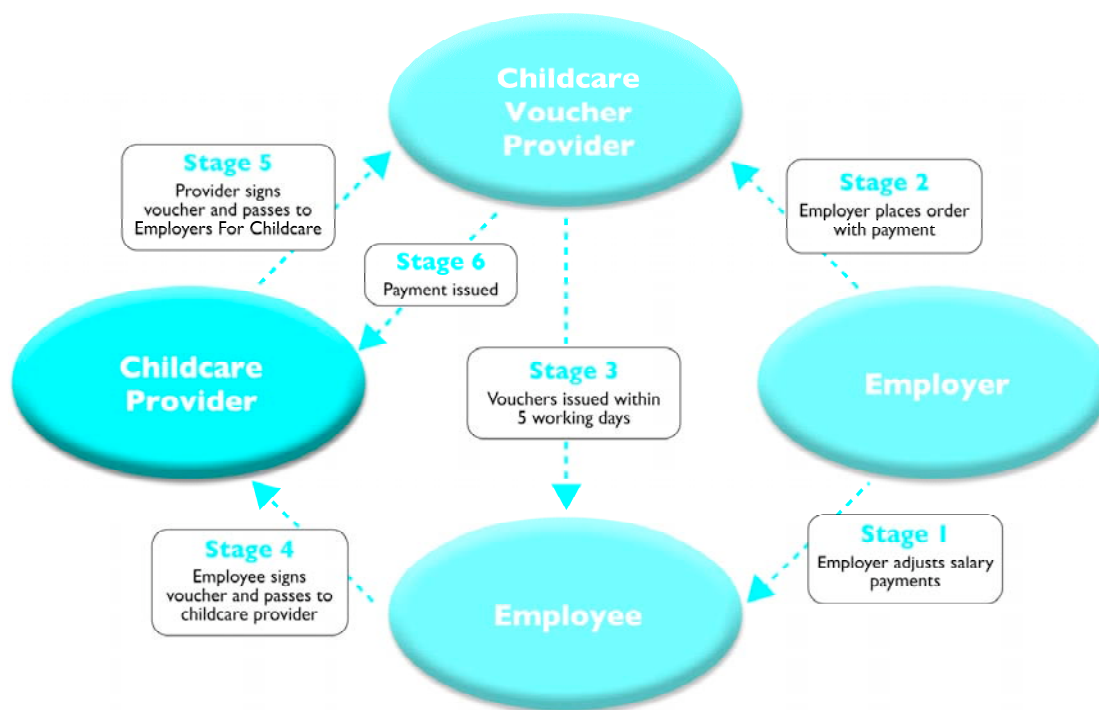
**Roger D’Arcy, Rascals Day Nurseries**

“The Childcare Voucher scheme as administered by Employers For Childcare is by far the best. The paperwork is minimal and we are always paid promptly. We would definitely encourage parents to consider using childcare vouchers through Employers For Childcare and we are always more than happy to accept them as a form of payment.”

**Caroline Hope, Merdyn Day Nursery**

## How do Employers For Childcare Vouchers work?

The following diagram summarises the ordering, payment, and redemption procedures:



## Further Information

If you require further information about childcare vouchers service or any of the other services provided by Employers For Childcare please contact:

**t:** Childcare Advice and Information Helpline

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