

Paying for Childcare?

**Still time to register for
Childcare Vouchers!**

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Deadline to apply for Childcare Vouchers extended

We're pleased that the Government has extended the deadline to apply for Childcare Vouchers by six months. The decision was made in response to the 119,000 signatures on a Petition and hundreds of MPs who argued for the Childcare Vouchers scheme to be kept open.

What this extension means is that working parents who wish to avail of Childcare Vouchers need to do so before their September payroll deadline. Parents who are already using Childcare Vouchers when the scheme closes to new entrants can continue to benefit from them.

A parent can join Childcare Vouchers from when their child is born. If you are paying for any form of registered childcare (including breakfast and afterschool clubs, holiday schemes, childminders and day nurseries), you may be eligible.

New parents who will be on maternity leave during these six months can use a day of annual leave, or a Keeping in Touch (KIT) day, where they receive full pay, to salary sacrifice a small amount (for example £1) to join the scheme and ensure they have options on returning to work.

If you have temporarily opted out of using Childcare Vouchers, but want to have the option of using the scheme in the future, make sure you have made at least one salary sacrifice in the 52 weeks before it closes to new entrants. Even if you are not paying for registered childcare now, but think you might in the future, you can salary sacrifice as little as £1 to remain in the scheme for as long as you are eligible, and continue to make at least one sacrifice in each 52-week period going forward to remain eligible for the scheme.

If you have questions about Childcare Vouchers, contact Employers For Childcare to find out what financial support for childcare is best suited to you, and identify any other benefits to which your family may be entitled: Freephone 0800 028 3008.