



DCYP Bites

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Tax-Free Childcare (TFC)

The Offer

UK	Overseas
Working parents, including the self-employed, with children 0-11 (16 if disabled) can join TFC and save up to £2,000 per child per year	Service parents and entitled MOD Civilians can access TFC when using MOD approved childcare providers (including within schools, nurseries and registered childminders). TFC DIN accessible via Defence Intranet.
For every £8 parents pay in, the government will add an extra £2	

A list of MOD approved childcare providers overseas can be obtained by visiting the DCYP gov.uk pages or contacting local Command or settings.

Useful links:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

What Parents need to do:

- Visit Childcare Choices website to apply and to check out choices available
- Search for childcare providers signed up to TFC – *Note: when searching for MOD providers, parents need to enter the provider reference number followed by the relevant BFPO number in the search field*

Eligibility:

You can join TFC if:

- Both you and your partner work 16 hours per week or more (NMW/NLW)
- Your individual annual employment income is below £100,000
- You are single parent
- You have children aged under 12 (under 17 if disabled)?

You can't join TFC if you use:

- Universal Credit
- Tax Credits
- Childcare Vouchers (closed to new entrants)

TFC is a government scheme introduced back in April 2017 to help working parents with the cost of childcare. Parents can open an online savings account which they can use to pay for childcare from an accredited and registered provider.