

FACTSHEET 16

CHILD TAX CREDIT & WORKING TAX CREDIT

What are Tax Credits?

Tax Credits are payments from the Government. If you are responsible for at least one child or young person who normally lives with you, you may qualify for Child Tax Credit. If you work, but earn low wages, you may qualify for Working Tax Credit.

Working Tax Credit supports working people (whether employed or self-employed) on low incomes by topping up earnings.

Couples must make a joint tax credits application. If you are part of a couple, you cannot decide to apply as a single person.

To find out if you may qualify for Tax Credits go to <https://www.gov.uk/qualify-tax-credits>

Child Tax Credit

Child Tax Credit supports families with children. If you look after any children under the age of 16 (or under 20 if they are in full time education or approved training) you may be able to claim Child Tax Credit to help with the cost of looking after them.

You can't claim tax credits and Universal Credit at the same time. For information about Universal Credit go to <https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

From 6 April 2017, most people will only get the child element of Child Tax Credit for up to 2 children. You'll still be able to claim it for more than 2 children if they were born before 6 April 2017.

Working Tax Credit <https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit>

You could get Working Tax Credit if either of the following apply:

- you're aged from 16 to 24 and have a child or a qualifying disability
- you're 25 or over, with or without children

You must:

- work a certain number of hours a week
- get paid for the work you do (or expect to)
- have an income below a certain level

You cannot receive Working Tax Credit if you are not working.

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Can I get help with the costs of childcare if I'm working?

If you work and pay for childcare you may be able to get tax credits to help with some of the costs if you are eligible. You must use registered or approved childcare. For further information and to check which costs may apply go to

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-costs-for-tax-credits>

Remember, to get tax credits, including Child Tax Credit, you need to apply for them.

This information is correct to the best of our knowledge as at 16 March 2017

The information contained in this fact sheet is basic information regarding tax credits. For more information and to find out if you could qualify and make a claim visit the GOV UK website at <https://www.gov.uk/claim-tax-credits>

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For information about childcare services available in Dundee City please go to www.scottishfamilies.gov.uk or contact DUNDEE CHILDREN & FAMILIES INFORMATION SERVICE at cis@dundeecity.gov.uk or telephone 01382 433900.

Information is available on our Dundee pages of the national website where alongside details about childcare services you can also access our Online Directory for further advice, groups, activities and other services available for families locally and nationally

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