



Help with childcare costs

How to claim support with childcare costs on Universal Credit

You may be able to **claim back up to 85%** of your childcare costs if your childcare provider is eligible. Check the **GOV.UK** website.

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What does this mean to me?

You (and your partner if you live with them) **will usually need to either:**

- ✓ **be working** - it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work
- ✓ have a job offer to start

How much will you get?

The most you can get back each month is:

- £646 for 1 child
- £1108 for 2 or more children

You can claim for up to 3 months of past childcare costs at a time - but if you are claiming for more than 1 month you might not get all the money back.

Or you can also claim for up to 3 months of future childcare costs at a time. We pay these costs back month by month - not in one lump sum.



Proof of childcare provider

These documents must include the following information:

- ✓ the provider's name, Ofsted registration number, address, and phone number
- ✓ the names of your child or children that they look after, and
- ✓ the type of childcare, for example after school or nursery care.

When will I get childcare costs paid?



The money is added to your Universal Credit payment at the end of each assessment period (look for 'childcare' on your statement).

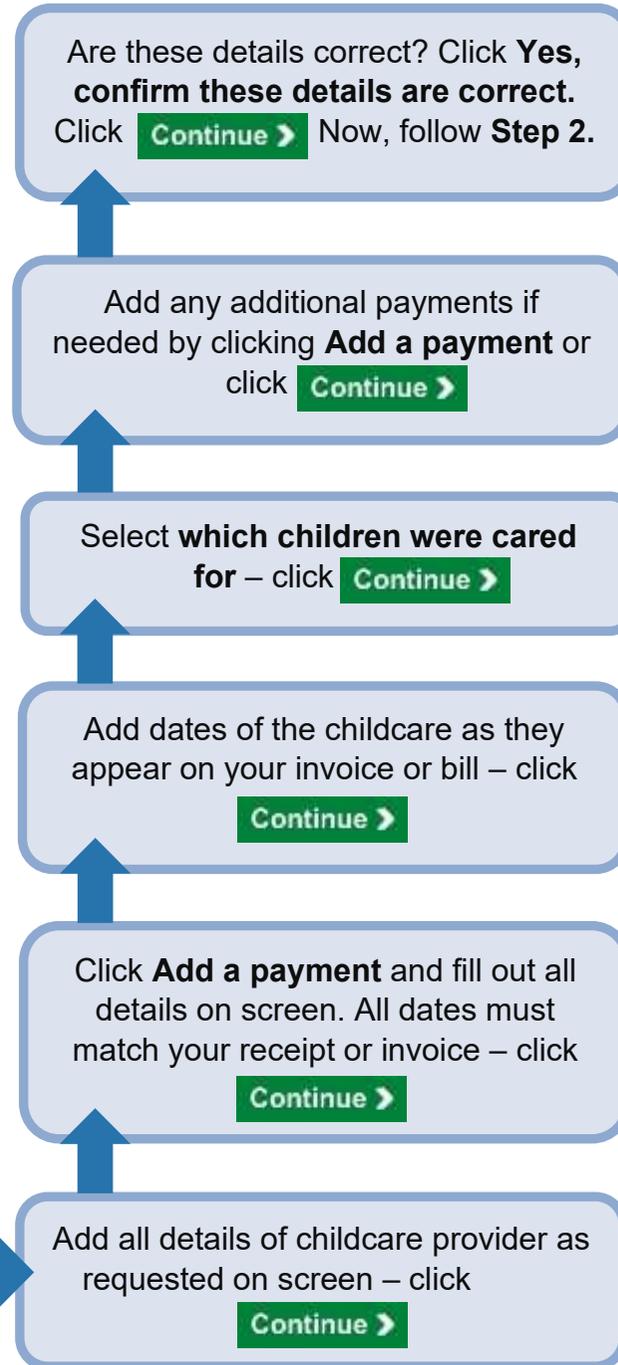
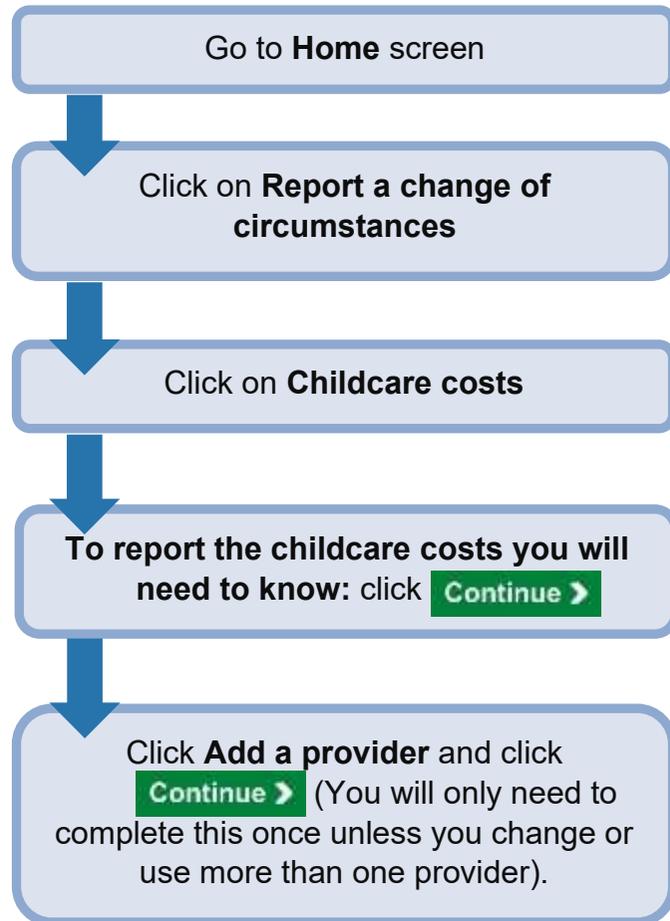
We can only pay for childcare you have used, and we pay childcare costs **after** the care has been provided.

If you pay for childcare after it has been provided, we pay back your costs in the same month that you report them (your assessment period).

i If something goes wrong, or you need help, call us, or leave a message in your journal.

2 easy steps to claim childcare costs on Universal Credit

STEP 1



STEP 2

