

What are Tax Credits?

Tax credits are payments from the government. If you're 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.

Who can get Tax Credits?

Nine out of ten families with children can get tax credits, but you don't need to have children to qualify. You may also qualify if you are working and earning low wages.

How much do you get?

The amount of tax credits you get depends on things like:

- how many children you have living with you
- whether you work - and how many hours you work
- if you pay for childcare
- if you or any child living with you has a disability

Your payments also depend on your income. The lower your income, the more tax credit you can get.

Help with childcare costs – do you qualify?

If you work and pay for childcare you may be able to get tax credits to help with the costs. You have to work for at least 16 hours a week to qualify. You may still qualify if you worked 16 hours or more before going on maternity, paternity, adoption or sick leave.

How much can you get?

You can get up to 80 per cent of what you pay in childcare, to a maximum of:

£175 per week for one child – maximum you will receive is £122.50 per week

£300 per week for two or more children – maximum you will receive is £210 per week

The amount you get depends on your income. The lower your income, the more tax credits you can get.

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How do I claim?

You can get a claim form for any of the Tax Credits over the phone by calling the Tax Credits helpline on **0845 300 3900**.

When calling make sure that you know or have your **National Insurance Number** with you as you will need to provide this to prove you are who you say you are.

How is it paid?

Tax Credits are paid directly into your bank, building society, Post Office or National Savings account as a direct payment.

You can choose to get payments weekly or monthly.

If you would like to speak to an adviser please contact the Tax Credit Helpline:

T: 0845 300 3900

**A: Tax Credit Office
Preston
PR1 0SB**

W: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits/index.htm>

How do I find childcare?

Solihull Family Information Service can provide you with lists of registered childcare providers in Solihull to suit you and your child's needs. For more information please contact us:

0800 389 8667

familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk

www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo

Would you like to know what's happening in Solihull for children and families? Then join our Parent's Network for regular information at www.solihull.gov.uk/parentsnetwork

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