

Care to Learn

The Care to Learn scheme can help with childcare costs while you study

You must be aged under 20 at the start of your course. The scheme is available for publicly-funded courses in England.

This includes courses at:

- schools
- 6th forms in schools
- 6th form colleges
- some training providers

It doesn't matter whether you are taking a full-time course or just taking a one-hour lesson a week, you can still apply for Care to Learn.

Apply online at www.gov.uk/care-to-learn



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What is Care to Learn?

Care to Learn can help with the cost of your childcare, if:

- you're a parent under 20 at the start of your course
- you're the main carer for your child
- you live in England
- you're either a British citizen or a national of a European Economic Area (EEA) country
- your course qualifies
- your childcare provider qualifies

Childcare costs can include things like registration, travel to your provider and keeping your childcare place over the summer holidays.

Care to Learn is not means tested – it doesn't matter if the parent or partner is working or if they have savings. Claiming Care to Learn won't affect your family's benefits or allowances.

How to apply?

You can claim at any time, but your childcare provider is only paid from the beginning of your course if you apply either:

- before your course starts
- within 28 days of starting your course

You need to make a new application for each year you claim.

Travel payments go direct to your school or college. Childcare payments go directly to your childcare provider.

Childcare can include registered childminders, day nurseries, after-school clubs and holiday playschemes. You can find these listed on the Oxfordshire Family Information Service at fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk. To qualify, your childcare provider must be registered with Ofsted.

You must choose your learning provider and childcare provider before you apply.

Find out more and apply online at
www.gov.uk/care-to-learn