

# HOW TO USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE AT BARRACUDAS



For every £8 you pay in, the government will automatically add £2, up to the value of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children)

## 1. Check you're eligible

Find out more about eligibility on [gov.uk/tax-free childcare](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

- You're a working family (including the self-employed) in the UK
- You earn under £100k and at least the National Minimum or Living Wage for 16 hours
- You aren't receiving Tax Credits, Universal credit or Childcare Vouchers
- You have children aged 0-11 (up to 16 if disabled)

## 2. Apply for Tax-Free childcare

Apply at [gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare)  
You'll get an account if you're eligible

## 4. Pay into your childcare account

- You can pay using a debit card, but standing order or bank transfer is quicker
- The government will add the top up and you can use this when it shows as available
- This can take up to 10 working days

## 3. Make your booking with Barracudas

- Create your booking
- Select the 'Tax-Free childcare' option in the payment section
- Enter your reference number. This is usually 4 initials followed by 5 digits and ending in TFC e.g. BBAR12345TFC
- If you book before our seasonal balance due date, you can secure your place with the minimum deposit. Your balance must be paid by the balance due date
- Bookings made within 7 days of your child joining will need to be paid in full by card at the time of booking, in the 1st instance. We'll then refund you once we receive your payment from Tax-Free childcare

## 5. Pay Barracudas

- Select Barracudas as your childcare provider
- We're working to get all our locations listed, so your local camp may not yet be set up
- You can select any Barracudas location and we will receive the funds. Please don't select the school
- Barracudas does not accept 30 hours free childcare

## 6. Need help?

Watch our [handy video guide to paying with Tax-Free Childcare](#)  
If you have any queries please email [ccv@barracudas.co.uk](mailto:ccv@barracudas.co.uk)