**Childcare Business Grant**

There are three types of grants available.

* A £500 grant for an early years childminder or childcare provider on domestic premises
* A £1,000 grant for an early years childminder or childcare provider on domestic premises of children with special educational needs and disability (SEN/D)
* A £1,000 grant for a Childminder Agency (CMA).

The scheme is only open to newly registered businesses. These are those which have been registered with Ofsted or a CMA within the last 12 months. From 1 May 2017, a newly registered business will be one registered with Ofsted or a CMA within the last 3 months. The Childcare Business Grants Scheme is funded by the Department for Education. There is a fixed amount of funding available. The scheme is due to end by 31 March 2018, or sooner if all funds have been exhausted.

[**Eligibility requirements**](https://www.childcarebusinessgrants.com/node/3)

In order to be eligible for this grant you must:

* Be a childminder or childcare provider on domestic premises or a Childminder Agency operating in England
* Be registered with Ofsted or a CMA on the **Early Years Register** and be able to provide a copy of your registration certificate
* Be a **NEW** business – either have started trading within 12 months of the registration date on your Ofsted/CMA certificate (will reduce to 3 months from 1st May) or due to start within the next 6 months.
* Plan to offer the 30 hours funded childcare entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds yourself or in partnership if you are a childminder or childcare provider on domestic premises
* Directly encourage and support your registered childminders or providers to offer the 30 hours funded childcare entitlement, either themselves or in partnership with other providers if you are a Childminder Agency
* Spend the grant on costs directly related to setting up your childminding business and retain proof of how you have spent the grant
* Not have received a grant under the Childcare Business Grants scheme before unless you are now applying as a CMA
* Not be a private nursery, after school club or other type of provider

**Application**

You can apply for the grant online or request a paper copy.