Grants For Dependants

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Grants for Dependants Team

Overview of the Session

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Grants for Dependants

Dependant Income Assessment 2023/24				
	PLA	**ADG**	**CCG**	
			1 Child	2+ Children
Maximum Entitlement	£1,915	£3,354	£9,822.80	£16,840.20

These are the maximum amounts and are subject to an income assessment

Adult Dependant Grant

Adult Dependants Grant (ADG) is a grant for full-time students who have to care for an adult dependant whilst studying

An Adult Dependant

- is dependent on the student **and**

- is not an eligible student; **and**

- is not a child of the student; **and**

is **either**:

- the student's spouse, civil partner, or cohabiting partner, provided the student is over 25

or

- another Adult Dependant with a net income not exceeding £3,796 in the academic year

Adult Dependant Grant

Who is eligible?

- Full-time students with a spouse/civil partner

- Full-time students who are over 25 with a cohabiting partner

- Full-time students with Other Adult Dependant with a net income, not more than £3796 in the academic year

How is it paid?

- In three instalments together with any other eligible grants

Evidence Required

Student Over 25 Married / Living with Partner:

Partner's financial information (Sponsoring an application for a means tested assessment)

Under 25 Married: Marriage Certificate & Partner's financial information (Sponsoring an application for a means tested assessment)

Other Adult Dependant (OAD):

- Details of the OAD's expected income in the academic year relevant to the claim

- Evidence of the OAD's income from all sources for the prior tax year

- Evidence that shows financial support the student has provided to the OAD

Parents Learning Allowance (PLA)

PLA is awarded to students who have dependent children

Who is eligible?

- Full-time students with dependent children

- If both parents are students, then they are both eligible to apply for full PLA

Evidence Required

- A photocopy of the child's birth certificate and one of the following:

- Tax Credit Award Notice

- Universal Credit Notice

- Child Benefit Letter

How is it paid?

In three instalments together with any other eligible grants

Childcare Grant

- Students may be eligible for help with their childcare costs if they:
  - are a **full-time** higher education student
  - have children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs
- The grant:
  - does not have to be paid back
  - is paid on top of other student finance
- They must be eligible for student finance to apply for a Childcare Grant
- The amount a student may receive is dependant on their household income and the amount of dependant children they have
- Students are not eligible for Child Care Grant if they are claiming the Childcare Element of Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit

Childcare Grant

SFE Childcare Grant pays 85% of actual childcare costs (including retainer fees but not registration fees)

2023/24 Academic year

Students can receive 85% of the childcare costs or a fixed maximum amount, whichever is less

- The maximum amounts are:
  - Up to £188.90 a week a week for 1 child
  - Up to £323.85 a week for 2 or more children

2022/23 Academic year

Students can receive 85% of the childcare costs or a fixed maximum amount, whichever is less

- The maximum amounts are:
  - Up to £183.75 a week a week for 1 child
  - Up to £315.03 a week for 2 or more children

Awarding Childcare Grant

When a student is eligible for CCG for dependent children, the Childcare Grant Payment Service (CCGPS) are notified of the relevant dates and amount for the period in question. CCG will be released by CCGPS following receipt of confirmation of registration from the HEP

CCG can be awarded:

- For the full academic year. Most students are awarded CCG for their full academic year. So, for a September start this would be from 1st September until 31st August in the following year. (Covering summer)

- Final year students can only be awarded CCG until the end of term 3

- For a specific period. CCG can also be awarded for shorter periods, reasons for this could be partial attendance or eligibility issues. Students can also request specific dates within their approved period either by online CoCs, GFD forms or NMT2MT forms

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Student Finance Application

- Students can apply online for their childcare grant – alongside their other applications

- The childcare evidence for student finance will be assessed where we will be able to determine eligibility and amount of childcare grant that a student can be awarded

Childcare Grant – Evidence

- Children under 15 - A photocopy of the child's birth certificate and one of the following:

  - Tax Credit Award Notice

  - Universal Credit Notice

  - Child Benefit Letter

- Children 15 & 16 – require the above plus one of the following

  - Evidence of Special Educational Needs (SEN)

  - Educational Healthcare Plan (EHC)

Common Issues

Students applying for child that are ineligible for CCG:

- Applying for child 15/16 without SEN

- Applying for children 17+

Students not fully completing GFD Application Form

- Students don't always complete the form to the fullest extent. Only ticking the box to apply for CCG but don't give any details of children
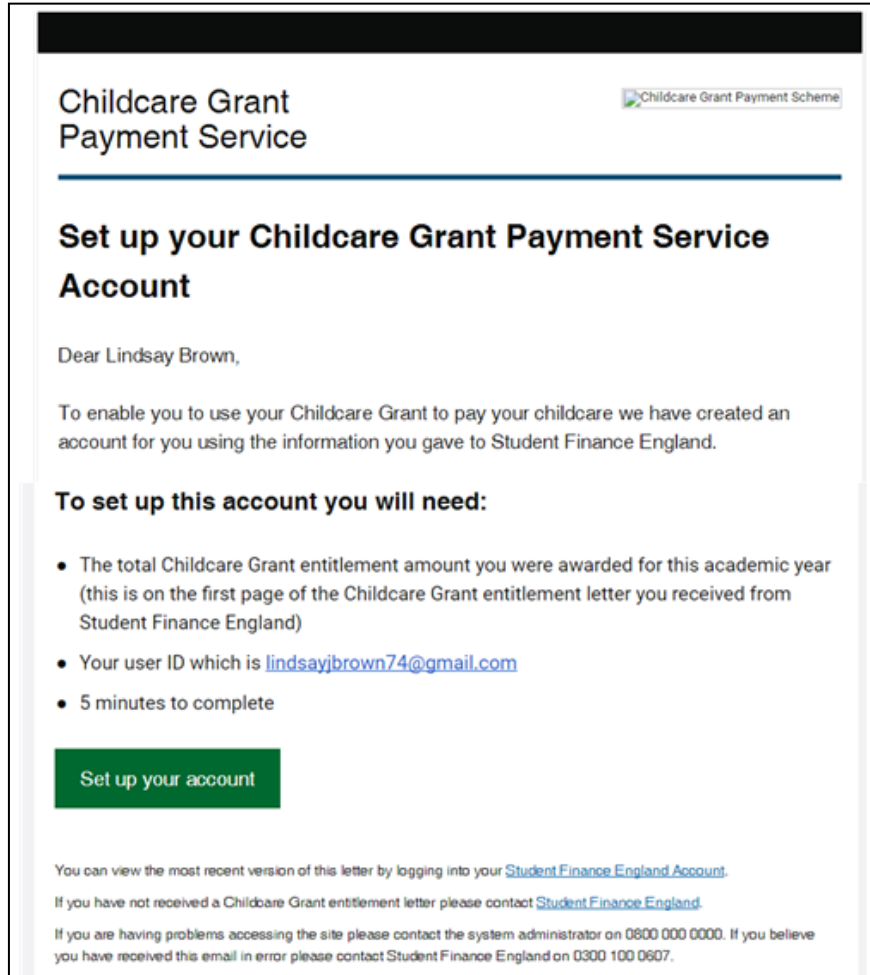
Paying Childcare Providers Directly

- Childcare Grant Payment Service (CCGPS) in partnership with Widerplan. Widerplan administer the child care grant payment service on behalf of student finance England. Widerplan do also take calls from students and providers

- Service launched in 2019/20 academic year for all students receiving childcare grant, new and continuing students

- The online journey is now simpler for students and childcare providers

Service Overview

- Students will still have to register on their course before their childcare provider can make a payment request and before any payment(s) can be released

- Before the payment process can be triggered, the student must approve the payment request via the Childcare Grant Payment Service (CCGPS)

- CCGPS will ensure that the childcare grant payment does not exceed the maximum weekly cap

- Payments can be made on a flexible basis, based on the childcare provider's requirements, which may be weekly or monthly

- The childcare provider will request payment for childcare already provided via the CCGPS. The student's remaining entitlement will be updated on the CCGPS system to reflect approved payments made

- At the end of the AY, the student's balance will display any remaining Childcare Grant entitlement. Any remaining balance will be returned to SLC at the end of the year

Getting started with CCGPS

- The student will receive an email 10 days after their entitlement letter is issued by Student Finance England

- Reminders are issued every 7 days if the student hasn't registered

- Registering in 3 steps:

  - Use entitlement amount

  - Set up Password

  - Accept terms and conditions

Getting started with CCGPS – adding childcare provider

- First thing to do is add their childcare provider

- 3 ways to search for their childcare provider; reference number, postcode or neither of the above

- Option to invite the childcare provider if they are not already on the system

What details do you have about your childcare provider?

◯ Childcare Grant Payment Service reference number

If your childcare provider has registered with the Childcare Grant Payment Service they will have a 10 digit reference number.

◯ Postcode

◯ I do not have either

[Continue]

You cannot search for your childcare provider by name to ensure an accurate and efficient search result.

Getting started with CCGPS – linking children

- Within the to do list a task appears asking the student to link their children

- Students can link multiple children at once to multiple providers or one child to one provider what ever the student would like

- They need to enter the date that the child started at the childcare provider and then confirm the details. This allows for changes throughout the year between providers

- Children can be unlinked by the student at any time

Broons Bairns   Remove

Daycare nursery

CCG9833433
25 Ralston Road, Bearsden, Glasgow, G61 3BA

You have no children linked to this childcare provider.   Link children

Choose a child to link to Broons Bairns?
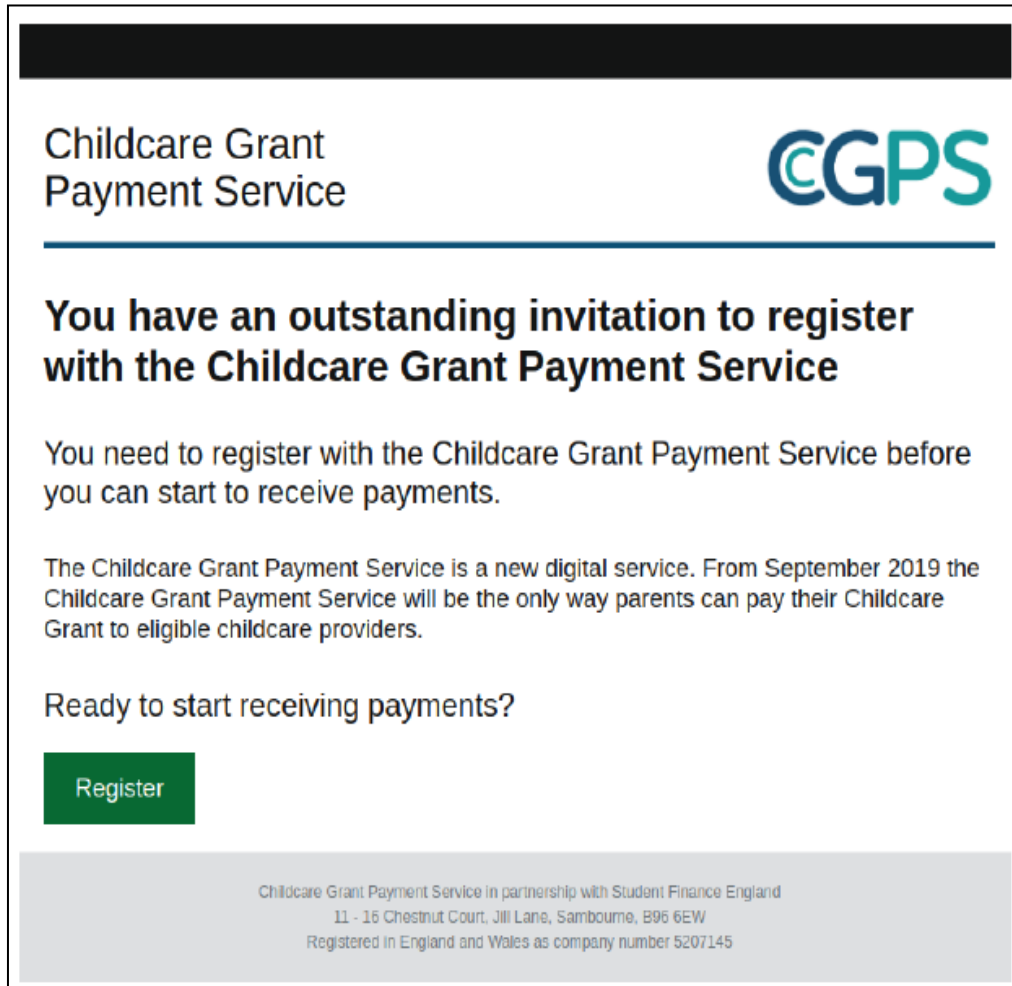
You can repeat this process to link additional children.

◯ Joe Bloggs

◯ Joanne Bloggs

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Registering with CCGPS – Childcare provider

Two part registration process:

- **Part One**
  - Business name & Business address
  - Contact name and details
  - Password
  - Terms and conditions
- Verification email
- **Part Two**
  - Type of setting
  - Registering authority
  - Registration number
  - Upload certificates
  - Bank details

Requests for Payment (RFPs) – Childcare provider

Broons Bairns change   Sign out

Welcome   CCG Reference Number
Lindsay   CCG9833433
Broons Bairns
                                           Create requests for payment

Account home   View requests for payments for the month: August 2019 ▾ ↻

Linked children

Business details

Your details   **Awaiting approval**   Pending payment   Grant paid

FAQs

Contact   You currently have no requests for payments awaiting approval for this month.

Enter payment request details for the week starting 15/07/2019

- Enter the number of days you charged the child for, even if they were not in attendance (round up to whole days).
- Total billable amount includes all charges eg. outings, nappies, meals etc.

Child/Parent	Number of days	Total billable amount
Fred Bloggs Lindsay Brown	Select ▾	£
Joanne Bloggs Lindsay Brown	Select ▾	£
Joe Bloggs Lindsay Brown	Select ▾	£
Joanne Bloggs Margot Taylor	Select ▾	£
Joe Bloggs Margot Taylor	Select ▾	£

Submit

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Requests for Payment (RFPs) – Student

Welcome

Margot Taylor

Annual grant entitlement remaining: **£100.00**

About your grant entitlement

Course details: 2019/2020, 18th Century ▾

Account home

Payment history

Childcare providers

Your details

FAQs

Contact

Requests for payment

Grant available | No grant available

You have grant funds available to pay these requests for payment. Your grant can pay up to 85% of each request, up to your weekly cap.

Week starting	Childcare Provider	Child	Amount	Status	
24/09/2018	Broons Bairns	Joe	£20.00	Unpaid	Review

Approve grant payment

Reference:	RFP227597738
Week starting:	24/09/2018
Child:	Joe Bloggs
Childcare provider:	Broons Bairns
Number of days:	1
Total amount:	£20.00
Your grant will pay:	**£17.00**

You will need to pay £3.00 to Broons Bairns

Do you want to approve this payment?

◯ Yes

◯ No

Submit

❗ If you choose to not approve this grant payment, please contact your childcare provider.

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Requests for Payment (RFPs) – Student – no grant available

Welcome

Margot Taylor

Annual grant entitlement remaining: **£0.00**
About your grant entitlement

Course details: 2019/2020, 18th Century ▾ [↪]

- Account home
- Payment history
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- Contact

Requests for payment

Grant available | **No grant available**

You have no grant funds available to pay these requests for payment. Your grant can pay up to 85% of each request, up to your weekly cap.

Week starting	Childcare Provider	Child	Amount	Status	
10/09/2018	Broons Bairns	Joe	£100.00	Unpaid	Review

Approve grant payment

Reference:	RFP228346823
Week starting:	10/09/2018
Child:	Joe Bloggs
Childcare provider:	Broons Bairns
Number of days:	3
Total amount:	£100.00
Your grant will pay:	**£0.00**

You will need to pay £100.00 to Broons Bairns

❗ You have used your Childcare Grant entitlement of £100.00 for this academic year and so don't have enough grant funds available to pay this request for payment. Please contact your childcare provider to arrange alternative payment.

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Requests for Payment (RFPs)
– Student – cancelling payments

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Requests for Payment (RFPs) – Childcare Provider – viewing payments

- Childcare providers can view their payments in their CCGPS account

- Childcare providers can edit or cancel the payment request if it has not yet been approved by the student

- Once the payment has been paid the childcare provider is able to return the payment from the "Grant Paid" tab

Question time

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