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Information and Notes for Guidance on completing your Application

Childcare Allowance & Implications

You can only apply for Childcare Allowance if you have firstly applied for Dependants Allowance through your online BOSS account.

The Childcare Allowance is an additional allowance and is assessed separately from the Bursary and Dependants Allowance. The Bursary and its additional allowances are ALL means tested. We are unable to consider/process application for help with childcare costs until you have applied and been assessed for the Bursary and Dependants Allowance. Once your Bursary has been assessed, the Bursary Team will prompt the Childcare Team and your application then enters a queue to be considered. Once the outcome is known, you will be emailed to inform you of your eligibility.

If you are part of a couple, we will need to determine if there is any income we need to take into consideration when assessing the Childcare Allowance, which we call assessable income. This is the figure left after deducting all possible disregards such as Tax, NI, life insurance, mortgage or rent. We also deduct £1000 for each dependent.

Any assessable income left will be deducted from any possible Childcare Allowance award. Sometimes the figure left can be higher than the total of the estimated costs on the Form CC1 application that was submitted. This means you would not be entitled to any help with childcare costs as the assessable income figure wipes out any possible award.

If the figure left is lower than the possible award you would be awarded the balance, so if your estimated costs were for example £5000, less 85% £4250 the assessable income was £3000, you would be awarded the £1250 (difference between the 2 amounts) which would be paid by instalments over the award period.



Please see below example for a couple with 2 children;

Gross Income	£30,000
Less Tax/NI	£-7,500
Net Income	£22,500
Less Mortgage/Rent	£-6,500
Life Insurance	£-200
Leaves	£15,800
£1000 disregarded per dependent (1 adult, 2 children)	£3,000
Balance left	£12,800
Amount of possible Dependents Allowance, zero payable due to balance of income left of £12800	£-4,750
Total of estimated costs	£4,250
Total of assessable	£-8,050
Leaves a negative figure in effect zero award	£-3,800

Therefore, if the estimated costs totalled £5000 less 85%, the award would be £4250. As the amount of assessable income is £8050 there would be no childcare allowance awarded as the £8050 cancels out the estimated costs of £4250.