

Child & Dependent Care Eligible Expenses

Here is a list of the most common dependent care expenses. Every family situation is different so we recommend consulting with a tax advisor if your specific expense does not fit into one of these categories.



KEY = Eliqible expenses occur when you and your spouse are working, looking for work or attending school full-time.

CHILD CARE EXPENSE	ELIGIBLE
Activity Fees (Piano Lessons, Dance Class)	8
Au pair	Ø
Babysitting, in your home or someone else's	Ø
Babysitting by your relative who is not a tax dependent	Ø
Babysitting while you or your spouse are NOT working, looking for work, or attending school	8
Babysitting by your tax dependent	8
Before or after school program	Ø
Child care	Ø
Child care supplies (diapers, formula, clothing)	8
Child Care Provider discount or coupon	8
Day Camp	Ø
Educational, learning or study skills services	8
Extended care that is a supervised program before or after regular school hours	Ø
Field trips	8
Household services (housekeeper, maid, cook, etc.)	8
Housekeeper who cares for child (only portion of payment attributable to work-related child care)	Ø
Kindergarten tuition	8
Language classes	8
Late payment fees	8
Meals, food or snacks	8
Medical care	8
Nanny	Ø
Nursery School	Ø
Incidental Fees (eligible only when incidental to and inseparable from the fee for care)	Ø
Indirect Fees (may be eligible when the expense is required to obtain care and the care has been received such as agency fee, application fee, hold-the-spot fee, placement fee or deposit)	Ø
Late pickup fees when attributed to care of a child	Ø
Preschool	Ø
Private school tuition for kindergarten and up	8
Registration fees (required for eligible care, after actual services are received)	Ø
Registration fees (required for eligible care, prior to actual services being received)	8
Summer Day Camp	Ø
School tuition	8
Sick child care	Ø
Transportation to and from eligible care provided by your care provider	Ø
Tutoring	8