

Registering Your Nanny in Scotland

for Tax Credit / Childcare Voucher Purposes



Tinies nanny agency branches in Scotland

In Scotland, Tinies nanny agencies are required to be registered with the Care Inspectorate.

All Tinies branches in Scotland will be able to show you their certificate of registration and all inspection reports. These documents are available on the Care Inspectorate website.

Why should I use Tinies?

As well as being registered with the Care Inspectorate, and all Tinies nannies will have undergone a thorough vetting process which includes the Nanny becoming a member of the PVG Scheme (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) through Disclosure Scotland.

Tinies are also required to meet the relevant National Standards which are designed to ensure that the service provided is of a high quality. For childcare provided in a child's own home, the relevant standards are the National Standards for Childcare Agencies. Further information on the can be found on the Care Inspectorate website.

Tinies have been assisting and advising parents for many years and are experienced in providing accurate and up-to-date information for our clients.

Receiving help with the cost of childcare

Tax Credits and/or Childcare Vouchers

If you are eligible to receive assistance with the costs of childcare through the Childcare Element of Working Tax Credit or through Childcare Vouchers offered by an employer, then your Nanny must be registered with an Agency in Scotland. Or for those who source their own Nanny, the Nanny should be prepared to become registered in order for you to qualify for the tax breaks.

All Tinies branches in Scotland provide this service. We register your nanny at the Agency, and once this registration is completed, Tinies will issue a letter to confirm that your Nanny is fully registered. The letter will also contain a code that should be given to the Childcare Voucher Company or HMRC to show that the nanny is registered and to enable you to claim the tax savings.

What are Childcare Vouchers?

Your employer may already run a scheme but if not, they will need to sign up with a Childcare Voucher company. Childcare vouchers are one of the ways a working parent can make great savings in childcare costs. They are usually offered as a salary sacrifice which means that you sacrifice a specific amount of your salary and instead receive that amount in vouchers.

Childcare Vouchers up to £55 per week or £243 per month are exempt from tax and National Insurance. You can use vouchers to pay your Nanny and a simple instruction to the voucher company will enable an automatic payment directly into your Nanny's bank account.



If you have a new baby or you're responsible for any children under 16, you could get Child Tax Credit depending on your household income. You can also qualify if you have children aged 16 to 19, as long as they're in certain types of education or training.



For more information and to see who can claim, visit HMRC.

What does registration with Tinies involve?

If Tinies find your Nanny, tell the Consultant that you wish to use Childcare Vouchers or Tax Credits. If you have sourced your own Nanny, that nanny must become registered in order for you to use the Vouchers or Tax Credits to offset the cost of the nanny.

The registration process at Tinies involves interviewing your Nanny and checking various original documents. The Nanny should provide at least one form of photographic identification, two formal documents from different sources and from within the last three months which show their name and address, original qualifications and all relevant childcare-related certificates to the interview.

Tinies will also verbally check the Nanny's references, providing feedback for the parent if required.

To complete the registration, Tinies must also apply for either an Initial PVG Scheme Application or a PVG Scheme Record Update for the nanny. This is effectively a police check. There is no cost to the Nanny for registration as all fees should be covered by the parent.

For more information on registering your Nanny for Tax Credit / Childcare Vouchers, or to find out costs, contact your local branch of Tinies who will be more than happy to advise:

- Tinies Aberdeen, Inverness and Dundee 01224 439924
- Tinies Glasgow 0141 562 6400
- Tinies Scotland Central 01968 620 119

Looking for childcare? Register as a parent with Tinies today.



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