

# Childcare Funding (Wales) Act 2019

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PROSPECTIVE

## Provision of funding for childcare

## 1 Funding of childcare for children of working parents

- (1) The Welsh Ministers must provide funding in respect of childcare for qualifying children of working parents.
- (2) Regulations must specify the amount of childcare to be secured by virtue of funding provided under subsection (1).
- (3) A qualifying child of working parents is a child under compulsory school age-
  - (a) who is in Wales;
  - (b) who is of an age (or within an age range) specified in regulations;
  - (c) who meets any other conditions specified in regulations;
  - (d) in respect of whom a declaration has been made, in accordance with regulations, to the effect that the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) are or continue to be satisfied.
- (4) Conditions specified under subsection (3)(c) in respect of a child may (among other things) relate to primary education (within the meaning of section 2(1)(a) of the Education Act 1996) received by, or made available to, the child.
- (5) Conditions specified under subsection (3)(c) in respect of a child may also relate to a parent of the child, or a partner of a parent of the child, including (among other things) to paid work carried out by a parent or a partner.
- (6) Provision made under subsection (3)(d) in respect of a declaration may (among other things) include provision about when a declaration is to be made, the duration of a declaration, and conditions that are to be met by a person making a declaration.
- (7) Regulations may make provision, for the purposes of this section, about-
  - (a) circumstances in which a child is, or is not, to be regarded as being in Wales;

- (b) circumstances in which a person is, or is not, to be regarded as another person's partner;
- (c) circumstances in which a person is, or is not, to be treated as carrying out paid work.
- (8) For the purposes of this section, "parent", in relation to a child, includes-
  - (a) any individual who has parental responsibility (within the meaning of the Children Act 1989 (c. 41)) for the child;
  - (b) any individual who has care of the child.
- (9) References in this section to regulations are to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers.

### Status:

This version of this cross heading contains provisions that are prospective.

### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Childcare Funding (Wales) Act 2019, Cross Heading: Provision of funding for childcare.