

Form 2441 - Child and Dependent Care Expenses Worksheet

Step 1: Determine Eligible Expenses

1. Enter the total child and dependent care expenses paid during the tax year.
(Include expenses paid to daycare centers, babysitters, or other qualifying care providers.)
→ \$ _____
 2. Enter the maximum allowable expenses:
 - \$3,000 for one qualifying person
 - \$6,000 for two or more qualifying persons
(If your expenses exceed these limits, only ↓ allowed amount can be used.)→ \$ _____
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Step 2: Determine Earned Income Eligibility

3. Enter the earned income of the taxpayer.
(If married, enter the smaller of the taxpayer's or spouse's earned income.)
 - Taxpayer's earned income: \$ _____
 - Spouse's earned income (if applicable): \$ _____
→ Enter the smaller amount here: \$ _____ ↓
 4. Enter the smallest amount from Step 1 (Line 1, Line 2, or Line 3).
→ \$ _____
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Step 3: Calculate the Credit Percentage

5. Multiply the amount on Line 4 by the percentage based on your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).
(Refer to the IRS credit percentage table to determine the applicable percentage.)
→ \$ _____



Step 4: Compare With Tax Liability

6. Enter the total tax liability from Form 1040.
(This is the total amount of tax you owe before credits are applied.)
→ \$ _____
7. Enter the smaller of Line 5 or Line 6.
(This is the final Child and Dependent Care Credit you can claim.)
→ \$ _____



Final Step: Claim Your Credit!

- If Line 7 is greater than zero, you can claim this amount on your tax return under Form 2441, Line 11.
- If you have a dependent care benefit exclusion from your employer, additional calculations may be required.