

# Child and Dependent Care Expenses



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)

▶ Attach to Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040NR.

▶ Information about Form 2441 and its separate instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form2441](http://www.irs.gov/form2441).

Name(s) shown on return

Your social security number

## Part I Persons or Organizations Who Provided the Care—You must complete this part. (If you have more than two care providers, see the instructions.)

1	(a) Care provider's name	(b) Address (number, street, apt. no., city, state, and ZIP code)	(c) Identifying number (SSN or EIN)	(d) Amount paid (see instructions)

Did you receive dependent care benefits?  **No** → Complete only Part II below.  
 **Yes** → Complete Part III on the back next.

**Caution.** If the care was provided in your home, you may owe employment taxes. If you do, you cannot file Form 1040A. For details, see the instructions for Form 1040, line 60a, or Form 1040NR, line 59a.

## Part II Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses

**2** Information about your **qualifying person(s)**. If you have more than two qualifying persons, see the instructions.

(a) Qualifying person's name		(b) Qualifying person's social security number	(c) Qualified expenses you incurred and paid in 2015 for the person listed in column (a)
First	Last		

**3** Add the amounts in column (c) of line 2. **Do not** enter more than \$3,000 for one qualifying person or \$6,000 for two or more persons. If you completed Part III, enter the amount from line 31

**4** Enter your **earned income**. See instructions

**5** If married filing jointly, enter your spouse's earned income (if you or your spouse was a student or was disabled, see the instructions); **all others**, enter the amount from line 4

**6** Enter the **smallest** of line 3, 4, or 5

**7** Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 38; Form 1040A, line 22; or Form 1040NR, line 37

**8** Enter on line 8 the decimal amount shown below that applies to the amount on line 7

If line 7 is:			If line 7 is:		
Over	But not over	Decimal amount is	Over	But not over	Decimal amount is
\$0—15,000		.35	\$29,000—31,000		.27
15,000—17,000		.34	31,000—33,000		.26
17,000—19,000		.33	33,000—35,000		.25
19,000—21,000		.32	35,000—37,000		.24
21,000—23,000		.31	37,000—39,000		.23
23,000—25,000		.30	39,000—41,000		.22
25,000—27,000		.29	41,000—43,000		.21
27,000—29,000		.28	43,000—No limit		.20

**9** Multiply line 6 by the decimal amount on line 8. If you paid 2014 expenses in 2015, see the instructions

**10** Tax liability limit. Enter the amount from the Credit Limit Worksheet in the instructions

**11** **Credit for child and dependent care expenses.** Enter the **smaller** of line 9 or line 10 here and on Form 1040, line 49; Form 1040A, line 31; or Form 1040NR, line 47

**Part III Dependent Care Benefits**

<b>12</b> Enter the total amount of <b>dependent care benefits</b> you received in 2015. Amounts you received as an employee should be shown in box 10 of your Form(s) W-2. <b>Do not</b> include amounts reported as wages in box 1 of Form(s) W-2. If you were self-employed or a partner, include amounts you received under a dependent care assistance program from your sole proprietorship or partnership . . . . .	<b>12</b>		
<b>13</b> Enter the amount, if any, you carried over from 2014 and used in 2015 during the grace period. See instructions . . . . .	<b>13</b>		
<b>14</b> Enter the amount, if any, you forfeited or carried forward to 2016. See instructions . . . . .	<b>14</b>	(	)
<b>15</b> Combine lines 12 through 14. See instructions . . . . .	<b>15</b>		
<b>16</b> Enter the total amount of <b>qualified expenses</b> incurred in 2015 for the care of the <b>qualifying person(s)</b> . . . . .	<b>16</b>		
<b>17</b> Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 15 or 16 . . . . .	<b>17</b>		
<b>18</b> Enter your <b>earned income</b> . See instructions . . . . .	<b>18</b>		
<b>19</b> Enter the amount shown below that applies to you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If married filing jointly, enter your spouse's earned income (if you or your spouse was a student or was disabled, see the instructions for line 5).</li> <li>• If married filing separately, see instructions.</li> <li>• All others, enter the amount from line 18.</li> </ul>	<b>19</b>		
<b>20</b> Enter the <b>smallest</b> of line 17, 18, or 19 . . . . .	<b>20</b>		
<b>21</b> Enter \$5,000 (\$2,500 if married filing separately <b>and</b> you were required to enter your spouse's earned income on line 19). . . . .	<b>21</b>		
<b>22</b> Is any amount on line 12 from your sole proprietorship or partnership? (Form 1040A filers go to line 25.) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b> Enter -0-. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> Enter the amount here . . . . .	<b>22</b>		
<b>23</b> Subtract line 22 from line 15 . . . . .	<b>23</b>		
<b>24</b> <b>Deductible benefits.</b> Enter the <b>smallest</b> of line 20, 21, or 22. Also, include this amount on the appropriate line(s) of your return. See instructions . . . . .	<b>24</b>		
<b>25</b> <b>Excluded benefits. Form 1040 and 1040NR filers:</b> If you checked "No" on line 22, enter the smaller of line 20 or 21. Otherwise, subtract line 24 from the smaller of line 20 or line 21. If zero or less, enter -0-. <b>Form 1040A filers:</b> Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 20 or line 21 . . . . .	<b>25</b>		
<b>26</b> <b>Taxable benefits. Form 1040 and 1040NR filers:</b> Subtract line 25 from line 23. If zero or less, enter -0-. Also, include this amount on Form 1040, line 7, or Form 1040NR, line 8. On the dotted line next to Form 1040, line 7, or Form 1040NR, line 8, enter "DCB." <b>Form 1040A filers:</b> Subtract line 25 from line 15. Also, include this amount on Form 1040A, line 7. In the space to the left of line 7, enter "DCB". . . . .	<b>26</b>		

To claim the child and dependent care credit, complete lines 27 through 31 below.

<b>27</b> Enter \$3,000 (\$6,000 if two or more qualifying persons) . . . . .	<b>27</b>		
<b>28</b> <b>Form 1040 and 1040NR filers:</b> Add lines 24 and 25. <b>Form 1040A filers:</b> Enter the amount from line 25 . . . . .	<b>28</b>		
<b>29</b> Subtract line 28 from line 27. If zero or less, <b>stop</b> . You cannot take the credit. <b>Exception.</b> If you paid 2014 expenses in 2015, see the instructions for line 9 . . . . .	<b>29</b>		
<b>30</b> Complete line 2 on the front of this form. <b>Do not</b> include in column (c) any benefits shown on line 28 above. Then, add the amounts in column (c) and enter the total here. . . . .	<b>30</b>		
<b>31</b> Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 29 or 30. Also, enter this amount on line 3 on the front of this form and complete lines 4 through 11 . . . . .	<b>31</b>		