



Parental Employability Support

Need help reaching your work-related goals?

Discover the Parental Transition Fund

If you are a parent or carer in Edinburgh and want to learn new skills, get a better job, or stay in your current work, this fund can pay for things standing in your way.

What the fund can pay for:

- **Training and courses:** e.g. licences, qualifications and training.
- **Work clothing:** e.g. essential items like safety boots or interview outfits.
- **Transport and travel:** e.g. bus/train passes, bikes, or taxis for severe physical disabilities. Driving lessons may be considered when required for employment.
- **Language support:** e.g. translation services for work documents.
- **Short-term childcare:** e.g. temporary crèche or childcare costs during courses.

Note: The fund cannot pay for long-term childcare, long-term travel, or items you have already bought.

Who can get help?

You must be working with an Edinburgh employability project and be unemployed or in a low-paid job. You must also fit at least one of these groups:

- Lone parent
- Family with a disabled parent or child
- Family with 3 or more children
- Minority ethnic family
- Family with a baby under 1 year old
- Mother under 25 years old



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Key facts:

No Direct Cash: Money must go straight to the provider or shop, not your bank account.

Fast Answers: Decisions are made within 7 working days of receipt of application.

Deadline: Open until funds run out or March 2027.

How to apply:

Your employability worker must apply for you.

Your next steps:

- Talk to your employability project worker.
- Tell them how the parental transition fund could help you achieve your work-related goals.
- Have a quote, link, or invoice that shows the cost or be able to describe what you need.



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