## VT/VSEA

## **Child Care Cost Reimbursement Application**

(Limit one application per household)

Name of Applicant	:		
Employee ID#:	Department:		
Email Address:	Work Phone:		
Mailing address: _			
Check one:	Full-time (all of 2022)		
	Full-time (less than 12 r Start date:	months, but more than 6 months in 2022)	
		ours worked in 2022):	
Income from your	civil union partner or the	orted on your 2022 Federal Tax Return (1040 line 10). e child's biological parent with whom you live, must _ (max \$75,000, after deductions)	
• •	ent on work-related child canses you have personally in	are from 1/1/22 to 12/31/22: \$curred.)	
The number of chil	dren receiving child care: _		
The ages (as of 12/2	31/22) of the children receive	ving child care:	
Name of Child (	Care Provider:	License number	
Address:			
Name of Child C	Care Provider:	License number	
Address:			
Name of Child O	Care Provider:	License number	
Address:			
I certify that the abo	ove information and the doo	cumentation attached are accurate.	
Employee Signatur	e:	Date:	

Mail this application (and any applicable documentation from Page 2), via US Postal Service to:

VT/VSEA Child & Elder Care Committee
PO Box 105
Huntington, VT 05462

NOTE: Must be postmarked by April 18, 2023 and mailed to us via the US Postal Service as noted above or submitted electronically by 11:59 on April 18, 2023 to VTChildelder@vsea.org. Any other type of submission will not be accepted.

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#### **Documentation to Include with Child Care Cost Reimbursement Application:**

• One copy of pages 1 & 2 of the 2022 Federal Tax Return showing the Federal <u>taxable income</u> (1040, line 10) for you and your civil union partner or your child's biological parent with whom you live.

Also, include a copy of ONE of the following:

- Receipts from your child care provider (including their name and address); or, If your provider does not issue Receipts, you can complete the attached VT/VSEA Child Care Receipt form stating the amount you spent on child care from 1/1/22 to 12/31/22.
- IRS Form 2441 or
- Cancelled checks to your child care provider

#### Additionally:

- If your child care provider is outside Vermont, please provide proof of registration in their state of residence.
- If your child care provider is an Approved Relative Childcare (ARCC) Provider, please provide a copy of their certification form.

Please be assured that Applications are held in the strictest of confidence.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Administrator listed below. Or, you may contact any of the VT/VSEA Child & Elder Care Committee members listed in the Guidelines on the State of Vermont website.

Dave Clark, Administrator Email: <u>VTchildelder@vsea.org</u> (800) 287-8322

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## **VT/VSEA Child Care Receipt Form**

If your Child Care Provider does not issue Receipts, you can use this form as a Receipt to submit with the reimbursement application.

If you used more than one Child Care Provider during 2022, you should submit a separate form for each provider.

Name of Child Care Provider:		
License or registration number		
Address of Child Care Provider:		
Dates of Child Care Service Provided	Amount paid by	
		parent
I certify that the above information is accurate, a	and no assistance or raimburs	amant has been received
for these expenses.	and no assistance of remiours	ement has been received
Provider Signature:	Date:	
110vider Signature.		
Provider Name (please print):		
Provider License Number:		
Employee Signature:	Date	
Employee Signature.	Date	
Employee Name (please print):		

#### CHILD CARE COST REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

### What is This Program?

The program offers financial assistance to Vermont State employees for their work-related child care expenses. The funds are made available through labor/management agreements with the State of Vermont. This initiative is the result of employee surveys and feedback on child care and child care assistance.

## What Kind of Child Care is Eligible for Reimbursement?

- Reimbursement will be available for State employees who spent at least \$300 for regular, on-going, work related child care for children aged 13 or younger (as of December 31, 2022).
- Child care must be provided by a registered or licensed Child Care Provider or an Approved Relative Childcare (ARCC) Provider. You may call the Child Development Division at 1-800-649-2642 to confirm the status of your child care provider.
- The cost of child care provided by individuals (including relatives) who <u>do not</u> fall into one of the approved provider categories above <u>cannot be reimbursed</u>.
- No reimbursement is provided for child care expenses for which reimbursement or assistance has been received by the applicant.

#### Who is Eligible?

- Full-time State Employees employed between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022
- Full-time State Employees employed for more than six (6) months, but less than twelve (12) months between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 (eligible on a prorated basis)
- Part-time State Employees who have completed one thousand forty (1,040) hours of regularly scheduled work between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 (eligible on a prorated basis)

#### **AND**

- Whose 2022 Federal taxable income (after deductions) does not exceed \$75,000
- All Permanent Employees in the Executive Branch of State Government are eligible
- Applicants must be employed as of April 15, 2023.

**Note:** Above categories include Limited-Service Employees, but do not include Temporary Employees or Contract Workers.

#### **How Does the Program Work?**

Interested and eligible employees must mail an Application to the VT/VSEA Child & Elder Care Committee. The Committee meets monthly to consider all applications submitted. Funds will be allocated within eligible Federal taxable income groups with income under \$75,000 (after deductions).

## **Are There Tax Implications?**

In accordance with Payroll guidelines, the Child Care Cost Reimbursement is no longer a non-taxable grant. Consequently, your reimbursement will be included in your paycheck and taxes will be deducted at your payroll tax level. If you have questions about this, please contact the Payroll Division.

By law, IRS guidelines and eligibility must apply. This program may not be ideal for everyone. Applicants for child care cost reimbursement who also take a child care income tax credit, may need to amend their tax statements. State employees are advised to consider their own tax status or consult with a tax advisor before applying.

## Will this Program Affect My FSA?

State employees who apply for a Child Care Cost Reimbursement and who also make use of a Flexible Savings Account (FSA) to pay for child care costs, should take care to properly calculate the total amount of their pre-tax income to be deposited and later withdrawn. Employees with questions about their FSA should call Employee Benefits at 1 800-828-6700, option 1, then option 3.

## Where is the Application?

The application form is in the Forms & Documents section of the SOV Website. An icon has been provided at the bottom of these Guidelines. You could also call the Administrator at (800) 287-8322 to request an application.

## When Should I Apply?

Applications, along with documentation, should be mailed via the US Postal Service, postmarked by April 18, 2023 or submitted electronically to <a href="VTChildelder@vsea.org">VTChildelder@vsea.org</a> by 11:59 on April 18, 2023. Limit ONE application per household. Applicants who filed an Income Tax extension should send a copy of their extension along with their reimbursement application by April 15, 2023. Applications accompanied by a tax filing extension will be held active until August 15, 2023.

## When Can I Expect a Response?

All applicants will receive acknowledgement of their Application. If eligible, reimbursements will be included in a payroll check prior to the end of June in the application year. Taxes will be withheld at your payroll tax level.

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#### **How Much Can I Expect to Get Back?**

Reimbursements will be affected by the number of applicants. Applications will be sorted by household income. The maximum reimbursement per household, per year, could be as much as \$1,600, before taxes.

#### What is the Mailing Address?

The application, and required documentation, must be mailed via the US Postal Service, postmarked by April 18, 2023 to the address shown or submitted electronically to <u>VTChildelder@vsea.org</u> by 11:59 on April 18, 2022. Any other type of submission will not be accepted.

# VT/VSEA Child & Elder Care Committee PO Box 105 Huntington, VT 05462

Be sure to include any necessary documentation (see page 2 of the application) and a copy of your Income Tax extension, if applicable.

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