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Sure Start Maternity Grant

The Sure Start Maternity Grant from the Social Fund is for people who need to buy things for a baby. This grant is available to parents claiming the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income support Job Seekers Allowance
- Working Tax Credit - where the disability or severe disability element is included in the award
- Child Tax Credit - awarded at a rate higher than the family element

The claim can be made between the 30th week of pregnancy and up until the child is 3 months old. The grant amounts to £500. In the case of a multiple birth, the mother will receive £500 for each baby. In the case of adoptive parents, a claim can be made up to 3 months after the baby was placed with you but the baby should not be more than one year old when you claim.

The mother must be 16 or over, but for a mother under 16 a parent can apply if the parent is in receipt of one of the above benefits.

To obtain a form phone your local Jobs & Benefits Office and ask for a Sure Start Maternity Grant Form (SF 100).

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- Chichester Street 9025 2222
- Great Victoria St 9054 5500
- Shankill Road 9054 3456
- Falls Road 9054 2800
- Knockbreda 9054 5600

- Dungannon 8775 4870
- Enniskillen 6634 3333
- Foyle 7131 9500
- Kilkeel 4176 1444
- Lisburn 9262 3300
- Lisnagelvin 7131 9300

Outside Belfast

- Antrim 9442 6500
- Ballymena 2566 2700
- Ballymoney 2766 0100
- Ballyclare 9335 2822
- Coleraine 7032 2880

- Lurgan 3831 3213
- Magherafelt 7930 2000
- Newtownabbey 9025 0888
- Newry 3026 5522
- Omagh 8225 4222
- Portadown 3839 7200