Scottish Child Payment and the Pregnancy and Baby Payment – Scotland only

Pregnancy and Baby Payment

The Pregnancy and Baby Payment is a cash payment for the parents, or carers, of a baby living in Scotland. It is paid to help cover some of the costs of having a baby. This payment is made by Social Security Scotland.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for the grant you must live in Scotland and both of the following apply:

1. you or your partner already get certain benefits:
   - Child Tax Credit
   - Universal Credit
   - Income Support
   - Pension Credit
   - Working Tax Credit
   - Housing Benefit
   - Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
   - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

2. you are at least 24 weeks pregnant or your baby has been born within the last 6 months.

Circumstances where you are not the birth mother or her partner

You may be entitled to the Pregnancy and Baby Payment if you have a stepchild or have taken over looking after a child, if they are your oldest child under 16 and you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, Child Benefit or Universal Credit child payments for them.

If you are not the birth mother or her partner you may still be entitled to the Pregnancy and Baby Payment if:

- you adopt, are a kinship carer or have a legal order to look after a child; and
- the child is under one; and
- for the baby you are in receipt of one of the following child payments:
  - Child Tax Credit
  - Child Benefit
• Universal Credit.

Or

• You are in receipt of one of the above child payments for the baby’s birth mother.

How much will you get?

You will receive £606 for your first child. You’ll receive a further £303 for any other child, such as your second or third. In addition to this there is an additional £303 paid if you are having a multiple birth.

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If you've already been paid the Sure Start Maternity Grant for a baby, you cannot be paid the Pregnancy and Baby Payment for the same baby. Payment will usually be made directly into a bank, building society or other account that you have nominated.

For further information or to apply online go to [www.mygov.scot/pregnancy-and-baby-payment](http://www.mygov.scot/pregnancy-and-baby-payment) or contact Social Security Scotland on 0800 182 2222.

Scottish Child Payment

Scottish Child Payment is a payment made to parents and carers of children under 6 years old to put towards the cost of supporting the family. From April 2022, you will receive £20 per week for each eligible child in your household. If you have more than one eligible child you will receive a payment for each child. Payments are made every 4 weeks into your nominated account. There are no restrictions on what you choose to spend the money on.

To qualify for the Scottish Child Payment you must live in Scotland and you or your partner must be the main person looking after a child who's under 6 years old and be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
Note, by the end of 2022, it is anticipated that the Scottish Child Payment will be extended to children under the age of 16.

The Scottish Child Payment does not affect any other UK or Scottish Government benefits that you, or any person in your household, currently get.

For further information or to apply online go to www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment or contact Social Security Scotland on 0800 182 2222.

If you require any further information on the financial support available for parents, please contact our Family Benefits Advice Service for free, confidential and impartial advice on 0800 028 3008.