# Scottish Child Payment

## What is it?

£40 every four weeks to help parents and carers on a low income with the cost of having a child under the age of six.

If you have more than one child under six, you can get a payment for each child.

## Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if:

* You live in Scotland
* You, or your partner are the main person looking after a child under the age of six
* You, or your partner, get certain benefits or tax credits
* It does not matter whether you are in work or not

Only one person can get Scottish Child Payment for a child.

If two people apply for the same child, Social Security Scotland have a process for deciding who gets the payment, prioritising the person who the child lives with for the majority of the time.

## When can I apply?

You can apply now. You can make one application with details of all of your children under the age of six, you do not need to make a separate application for each child.

When you apply you will be asked if you want to apply for Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods at the same time.

## How much will I be paid?

The payment is £40 every four weeks for each child under six.

If your circumstances change after applying, you must let Social Security Scotland know.

You should tell Social Security Scotland:

* If you stop getting a benefit
* If you are no longer looking after a child
* If you move outside Scotland
* If your partner has stopped living with you or you have a new partner living with you

Scottish Child Payment will stop when your child turns six.

## How do I apply?

You can apply:

* By phone on 0800 182 2222
* British Sign Language users can apply via video relay using the contactSCOTLAND app (visit [www.contactscotland-bsl.org](http://www.contactscotland-bsl.org) for more information)
* Online at [www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment](https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/)
* By post – you can request a paper form by calling the above number or download and print a form from [www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment](https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/)

## Where can I find further information?

Further information about Scottish Child Payment can be found at [www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment](https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/)

Many organisations provide welfare rights advice and support to apply for benefits. For details of support available in your local area please contact Visibility Scotland:

* By phone on **0141 332 4632**
* By email on info@visibilityscotland.org.uk
* Visit our website at [www.visibilityscotland.org.uk](http://www.visibilityscotland.org.uk)

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