

Child Benefit Guide

For Parents of Children on Long-Term Ventilation



What is Child Benefit?

Child Benefit is a regular payment to help parents and guardians with the costs of raising children. It is available for each child for whom you are responsible, and eligibility does not depend on employment status. Families of children with long-term health needs, including those requiring ongoing medical support like long-term ventilation, can receive this benefit alongside other support payments.

Who Can Claim Child Benefit?

You can claim for each child you care for, including those with special medical needs or disabilities like long-term ventilation.

To qualify for Child Benefit, you must meet the following criteria:

- **Age Requirement:** You are responsible for a child under 16, or under 20 if they are in approved education or training.
- **Residency and Immigration:** You meet the residency and immigration status requirements, typically requiring the claimant to live with or financially support the child.
- **One Claim per Child:** Only one person can claim Child Benefit per child, even if multiple individuals share responsibility.



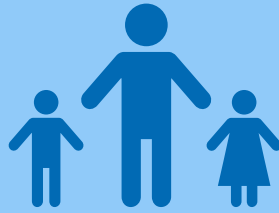
Child Benefit Payment Rates

Child Benefit is paid at two different rates:

First child:
£25.60 per week.



Each additional child:
£16.95 per week.



Payments are typically made every 4 weeks, although you can request weekly payments if you're a single parent or receiving certain other benefits.

How to Apply for Child Benefit

**Online
Application:**
Apply for
Child Benefit



By Post: Complete and send in a Child Benefit claim form, available on the GOV.UK website or from HMRC.

You can apply for Child Benefit as soon as your child is born, or as soon as you take responsibility for them. Applications are processed via HMRC

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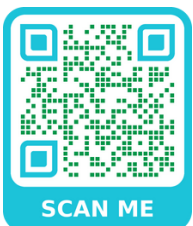
Additional Information



- **High-Income Child Benefit Charge:** If you or your partner earns over £60,000 a year, you may have to pay back some or all of the Child Benefit in the form of a tax charge. You can choose to receive Child Benefit but opt out of payments to avoid the charge.
- **Claiming Backdated Payments:** You can backdate your claim for Child Benefit by up to 3 months, so it's worth applying as soon as possible if you've recently taken responsibility for a child.

More Support and Resources

Visit the [Long-Term Ventilation \(LTV\) website](#) for further guidance and support for carers



Contact Information

Child Benefit Helpline: 0300 200
3100

Website: gov.uk/child-benefit

In addition to Child Benefit, you may be eligible for:

- **Carer's Allowance** if you care for a child with long-term health needs.
- **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)** for children under 16 with disabilities or medical conditions like long-term ventilation.

For more details about child benefit and other available benefits, scan the QR code to the right to visit the GOV.UK website

