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**0845 302 1444**

Our textphone number:

**0845 302 1474**

# Child Benefit claim form - Getting it right

Use these notes to help you

# Introduction

## About Child Benefit

Child Benefit is a tax-free benefit paid to people bringing up children. It isn't means tested so it doesn't matter how much you earn or have saved.

## Who is Child Benefit paid for?

Child Benefit can be paid for a child under the age of 16 or a young person up to the age of 20 if they are in full-time non-advanced education or approved training.

## Who should claim Child Benefit?

You should fill in this claim form if you are responsible for a child. You do not need to be the parent of the child and you may be able to get Child Benefit even if the child does not live with you. Only one person can receive Child Benefit for a child.

If you are bringing up children you may not be working or paying a National Insurance contribution. If you get Child Benefit for a child under the age of 12 you will receive weekly National Insurance credits to protect your future entitlement to the basic State Pension and the State Second Pension.

If you are a couple and one of you works and pays National Insurance contributions and the other one stays at home to care for the child, the person who is not working could benefit from National Insurance credits by claiming Child Benefit.

## When to claim Child Benefit

You should claim Child Benefit as soon as:

- your baby is born and registered
- a child comes to live with you, or
- you adopt a child.

We have a range of services for people with disabilities, including guidance in Braille, audio and large print. Most of our forms, leaflets and factsheets are also available in large print. Please contact any of our phone helplines if you need these services.

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# Help with filling in your claim form

## Questions 10 and 28 - Where do I find my (or my partner's) National Insurance number?

This will be on:

- a P60 certificate from your employer
- a PAYE Coding Notice or a letter from us
- a payslip from your employer
- any letter from the Department for Work and Pensions or Jobcentre Plus.

Example of a National Insurance number

National Insurance number  
**XX 99 99 99 X**

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### Help

If you need any help with a question, please go to [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk) or phone our helpline.

Phone **0845 302 1444** (UK)  
**00 44 161 210 3086** (Overseas)  
Textphone **0845 302 1474**

### Question 14

This question is about the country you have always lived in. The United Kingdom (UK) is England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It does not include the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

It doesn't usually matter if you sometimes go to other countries on holiday or for work.

### Question 15

This question is about the country you live in most of the time. The UK is England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It does not include the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

It doesn't usually matter if you sometimes go to other countries on holiday or for work.

### Question 18

You are subject to immigration control if:

- the Home Office says you can stay in the UK (known as 'leave to enter or remain') but only if you don't claim certain benefits, tax credits or housing help paid by the UK government (known as 'recourse to public funds'), or
- you need permission to stay in the UK (known as 'leave to enter or remain') but you don't have it.

If you are subject to immigration control, or not sure if you are, you might still be able to get Child Benefit. Please phone our helpline and ask us.

**Section 1 - About you continued**

12 Are you already getting Child Benefit?  
No   
Yes  If Yes, please tell us the full name and date of birth of the eldest child you are getting Child Benefit for, then go to **question 22**

Child's surname   
Child's first name   
Child's middle name(s)   
Child's date of birth DD MM YYYY

13 What is your nationality?  
*This is shown on your passport if you have one*

14 Have you always lived in the United Kingdom?  
See Notes, page 3  
No   
Yes  If Yes, go to **question 20**

15 Do you usually live in the United Kingdom?  
See Notes, page 3  
No   
Yes  If Yes, go to **question 17**

16 Which country do you usually live in?  
  
Go to **question 18**

17 Did you arrive in the United Kingdom in the last three months?  
No   
Yes  If Yes, tell us the date you arrived DD MM YYYY

18 Are you subject to immigration control now, or at any time in the last three months? See Notes, page 3  
No  If No, go to **question 20**  
Yes

19 If you have been subject to immigration control in the last three months, tell us the date your immigration status was granted DD MM YYYY  
  
Please send a copy of your Home Office documents to us with this form.

20 Are you now, or have you at any time in the last three months, worked in another country or received benefit from another country?  
No   
Yes  If Yes, please tell us the name of the country

21 Are you a member of HM Forces or a civil servant working abroad?  
No  Yes

22 What is your marital or civil partnership status?  
Please tick one box

Married or in a civil partnership Go to **question 23**  
 Living with a partner as if you are married or a civil partner Go to **question 23**  
 Widowed Go to **question 31**  
 Separated Go to **question 31**  
 Divorced Go to **question 31**  
 Single Go to **question 31**

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## Question 60

Child Benefit is usually paid every four weeks. However you can choose to get your Child Benefit paid weekly if you are bringing up children on your own, or you (or your partner if you have one) are receiving:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pensions Credit, or
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

If you want Child Benefit to be paid weekly, tell us on page 6 of the claim form why you qualify.

If you qualify and choose to get your Child Benefit paid weekly, you must tell us immediately if you stop:

- bringing up children on your own, or
- getting at least one of the above benefits.

If this happens, we may stop paying your Child Benefit weekly and change it to four weekly payments.

## Question 64

We can pay Child Benefit into an account that is in:

- your name
- the name of your husband, wife or partner if you have one
- the names of you and your husband, wife or partner
- the name of someone acting on your behalf, or
- the names of you and a person acting on your behalf.

We can't pay into:

- an account that is in a child's name, or
- more than one account.

## Question 66

Make sure you enter the sort code shown on your bank card or statements from your bank or building society.

## Question 67

Your account number is usually eight digits and is shown on your statements or cheque book. Please include any zeros - for example, 00123456.

## Question 68

If your account is with a building society or a bank that was a building society you may have an additional reference number. This number may be called:

- a roll number
- an account reference, or
- an account number.

If you are not sure which numbers to enter, check with your bank or building society.

**Section 4 - Payment of Child Benefit**  
We normally pay Child Benefit every four weeks into a bank or building society account.

60 Do you want to be paid Child Benefit every week?  
*Please read the Notes on page 5*

No  If No, go to question 62  
Yes

61 Please tick all boxes which apply to you

I am a single parent

I am receiving one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pensions Credit
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

My partner is receiving one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pensions Credit
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

62 Do you already get Child Benefit?  
No  If No, go to question 64  
Yes

63 Do you want to change the bank or building society we pay your Child Benefit into?  
No  If No, please go straight to the Declaration  
Yes

**Please note**  
We can't pay into an account that is in a child's name. If you need help to fill in questions 64 to 68, see Notes, page 5 or contact your bank or building society.

64 Whose name is the account in? See Notes, page 5  
*If it is a joint account please tell us both names*

65 Name of your bank or building society  
*If you have a Post Office® card account write Post Office*

66 Your branch sort code. See Notes, page 5

67 Your account number. See Notes, page 5

68 If your account is with a building society tell us the roll or reference number if you have one. See Notes, page 5

69 If you do not have an account that we can pay into please put an 'X' in the box

**Please now complete the declaration below**

**Declaration**  
Please read the declaration below, tick the boxes that apply to you, then sign this form to claim Child Benefit.

I am sending the birth certificate(s) or other documents that you need with this form.  
*If you don't have the documents you should still send your claim form to us. Do not send photocopies.*

I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.  
*If I give information which I know is not correct or complete, you may take action against me.*

This is my claim for Child Benefit. *Your claim will be delayed if you do not sign this form.*

Signature

Date DD MM YYYY

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**If too much Child Benefit is paid into your account you will have to pay back any money you should not have been paid.** For example, if you tell us something that affects how much we pay you and we do not have time to change your payment, you will have to pay back any money you should not have been paid.

## Other money you may be entitled to

### Child Trust Fund

Child Trust Fund is a savings investment account for children. Every child born on or after 1 September 2002 will receive a £250 voucher to start their account as long as they live in the United Kingdom, are not subject to immigration control and Child Benefit is paid for them. The account belongs to the child and can't be touched until they are 18. There is no form to fill in to claim Child Trust Fund. We will write to you a few weeks after you start getting Child Benefit. If you want to know more about Child Trust Fund please go to [www.childtrustfund.gov.uk](http://www.childtrustfund.gov.uk) or phone **0845 302 1470**.

### Tax credits

Working Tax Credit is for working people on a low income.

Child Tax Credit is for people bringing up children.

To find out what you could get, go online at [www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits) or phone us on **0845 300 3900**.

## Other things you might need to know

### National Insurance (NI) credits

Before 6 April 2010, if you received Child Benefit for a child under 16, you automatically qualified for a scheme called Home Responsibilities Protection (HRP), which helped to protect your basic State Pension.

From 6 April 2010, for each week that you get Child Benefit for a child under 12, you will receive weekly NI credits to protect your future entitlement to basic State Pension.

If you reach State Pension age on or after 6 April 2010, any complete tax years of HRP you have already built up before 2010 will be converted into qualifying years. Up to 22 years of HRP can be converted into qualifying years for basic State Pension.

### Earnings Factor credit

Before 6 April 2010, if you received Child Benefit for a child under 6, you automatically built up entitlement to an additional pension through State Second Pension.

From 6 April 2010, for each week that you get Child Benefit for a child under 12, you will receive weekly Earnings Factor credits to protect your future entitlement to the State Second Pension.

You will be able to combine National Insurance and Earnings Factor credits with other qualification routes, such as NI contributions, in order to build up a year of entitlement.

### For further information

- go to [www.direct.gov.uk/pensions](http://www.direct.gov.uk/pensions), or
- phone the Pension Service Helpline on **0845 606 0265** or textphone on **0845 606 0285**.

You can also:

- go to [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk), or
- phone the National Insurance Helpline on **0845 302 1479**.

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Customer Information Team

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# Additional children - Please complete and attach to the Child Benefit claim form

## Child 3

1 Child's surname or family name  
As shown on the original birth or adoption certificate

2 Child's first name and any middle name(s)  
As shown on the original birth or adoption certificate

First name
Middle name(s)

3 Is this child male or female?

Male

Female

4 Child's date of birth DD MM YYYY

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5 Has this child ever been known by any other name?

No

Yes  If Yes, please write it below

6 Is this child your own? See Notes, page 4

No  Yes

7 Has anyone else ever claimed Child Benefit for this child?  
See Notes, page 4

No

Yes  If Yes, please tell us their name, address and  
Child Benefit number

Name
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
Postcode

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If you don't know the Child Benefit number you should still claim now.

## Child 3 continued

8 Does this child live with you? See Notes, page 4

No

Yes  If Yes, go to **question 10**

9 What is the name and address of the person this child lives with?

Name
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
Postcode

10 Has this child lived with anyone else in the last 12 months?  
See Notes, page 4

No

Yes  If No, go to **question 13**

11 What is the name and address of the person this child lived with?

Name
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
Postcode

12 What date did the child come to live with you?  
DD MM YYYY

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13 Are you adopting or planning to adopt this child through a Local Authority?

No

Yes

14 Do you want to claim for any more children now?

No

If No, please tear off this sheet then go to **question 60** of your claim form

Yes

If Yes, please turn over

**Remember to send this sheet with your claim form**

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# Additional children - Please complete and attach to the Child Benefit claim form

## Child 4

**1** Child's surname or family name  
As shown on the original birth or adoption certificate

**2** Child's first name and any middle name(s)  
As shown on the original birth or adoption certificate

First name

Middle name(s)

**3** Is this child male or female?

Male

Female

**4** Child's date of birth DD MM YYYY









**5** Has this child ever been known by any other name?

No

Yes  If Yes, please write it below

**6** Is this child your own? See Notes, page 4

No  Yes

**7** Has anyone else ever claimed Child Benefit for this child?  
See Notes, page 4

No

Yes  If Yes, please tell us their name, address and Child Benefit number

Name




Postcode

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**If you don't know the Child Benefit number you should still claim now.**

## Child 4 continued

**8** Does this child live with you? See Notes, page 4

No

Yes  If Yes, go to **question 10**

**9** What is the name and address of the person this child lives with?

Name



Postcode

**10** Has this child lived with anyone else in the last 12 months?  
See Notes, page 4

No  If No, go to **question 13**

Yes

**11** What is the name and address of the person this child lived with?

Name



Postcode

**12** What date did the child come to live with you?  
DD MM YYYY







**13** Are you adopting or planning to adopt this child through a Local Authority?

No  Yes

**14** Do you want to claim for any more children now?

No  If No, please tear off this sheet then go to **question 60** of your claim form

Yes  If Yes, please answer questions 1 to 13 on a separate sheet of paper or download our additional child form by going to [www.hmrc.gov.uk/findaform](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/findaform) and look for **CH2(CS)** within the Search facility.

**Remember to send this sheet with your claim form**

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